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The News Wins

The News was judged the outstanding newspaper in Texas in 1942; again in 1950; and an outstanding weekly paper in the nation in 1943.



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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

President Truman Spouts Off About Eisenhower, MacArthur

The blast of President Truman was in the typical Truman fashion.

Truman complains that the Eisenhower trip to Korea was merely political propaganda; and that MacArthur failed to show proper respect to him for having failed to call at the White House and give him a plan to win the war, even after MacArthur had been fired.

Let it be remembered that MacArthur was not even notified of his recall by the President of the United States until after the news broadcast brought the sad news to Tokyo. Proper respect?

Furthermore, let it be remembered that Truman showed great displeasure because MacArthur refused to follow his orders and he set about winning the war against the Reds, whereas Truman and his State Department was trying to play along with the Reds, and started the long, useless arbitration talks.

Yes, we admit, that Truman is still President of the United States and will continue in office until January 20. No doubt he would like to know what Eisenhower and MacArthur talked about in New York Wednesday when they met to discuss Korea.

The little man from Missouri is not big enough to be president, but he was told of the plans to defeat the Reds in Korea, and could never comprehend such a plan. At least Acheson refused to allow Truman or any one else to interfere with his policy of allowing the Reds a free hand in the world—the free world which is rapidly coming under Red domination under such a policy.

"Hoover" Depression Failed to Cause Fear Among Democrats

Let the alarmists who fear another "Hoover" depression under General Eisenhower recall that that depression came to an end only after World War II started—eight long years after FDR took office.

No person, except the blind pessimist, now charges that Hoover was to blame for the depression. This same class which is now convinced that another depression will hit the Eisenhower administration, and they shall be very happy to see such a thing happen to the nation. "Anything to keep the Democrats in power," is the slogan of this class.

Having tried to scare the people by declaring that Senator Taft would be running the nation after Eisenhower was elected, and having this proposed scare fall flat on its face, the depression idea is again being pushed.

Economists who are in the know, declare that there is enough backlog of civilian orders to keep the wheels of industry rolling for several years without a war.

We cannot keep from wondering, when we hear some of these Truman lovers hit the depression trail, if they favor the continued waste of our public funds; stealing our tax dollars; infiltration of Reds into high places in our government; and all such practices that Truman upholds as good government? As well as to 1,000 men killed monthly in Korea, and a billion dollars wasted?

No, we are sure that no one upholds such practices, but they are just naturally afraid of a Republican administration, regardless of who the head man may be.

Foreign Aid From Canyon Costs Us 15 Cents Daily, Each Person

Boil down the cost of foreign aid to Canyon and Randall County.

Congressman Walter Rogers stated the other night that Canyon people were paying 15 cents per day for every man, woman and child in Randall county. This means that foreign aid has cost the people of Canyon alone \$2,867,705. The Congressman plead that government be returned to the people rather than centralized in Washington.

While all of us like to blame the federal government for all of our troubles, we are just wondering if and when we will actually get down to brass tacks and honestly try to put an end to this form of government.

We are not going to blame Washington for all of our troubles so long as we cherish the idea of running to Washington for handouts.

There is something fascinating about putting the lite on Uncle Sam for the money which we should be digging down in our pockets and paying directly ourselves.

About ten years ago the Newsman made several talks to graduating classes and predicted then that we should never see much lessening of centralized government.

Regardless of the party in power, we never expect to see the day when Washington will say, "We have made a mess of centralized government; come and take your government back home."

This idea may be good to talk about; and something that all citizens agree should be done; but we never expect to see it accomplished.

Congressman Rogers laid the blame where it belongs—right on our old backs. If the people will not run to Washington for our every need, we shall be able to reduce federal spending, and look after affairs ourselves. But is it so easy to say: "The rich guys in New York will be paying the bill—so why not get all the money that we can?"

Top Man in Europe Tells of Waste in Giving Nations Aid

One of President Truman's head men in Europe has come out with a blast against waste of tax money in Europe.

We have heard the same time and again, but by persons who were in no position to give a clear picture of this waste.

This time the statement is authentic. There is no politics connected with the declaration that huge staffs are maintained in countries where we are no longer giving aid; that the multitude of agencies which are striving to throw our cash to the four winds should be checked and all agency work centralized.

We are expecting to see changes made in the coming four years. All of this reform cannot be accomplished overnight.

Little-town hot shots are the world's greatest attractions.

Commentator Sore Because Eisenhower Is Independent

We heard a radio commentator giving General Eisenhower a real going over because of his cabinet appointments. His contention was that Senator Taft should have been consulted on all cabinet appointments because he is Mr. Republican.

Such nonsense must be tolerated but not swallowed. If the General had followed the recommendations of Taft to the word, what a roar would have gone up from Democratic ranks.

Eisenhower said that he intended calling upon the best men and women in the nation to fill cabinet posts. He appointed a staunch Democrat and a western man from Utah, hitherto unknown to the rank and file of Republicans.

The all-wise "common-tatter" thought that Eisenhower was taking in too much Wall Street. Perhaps some of his appointments did come from Wall Street. You will recall that Governor Stevenson has been a pretty successful operator on Wall Street, and no one blamed him for sound investments. The man who looks after his own affairs will likely be a pretty successful office holder.

We just wonder how much attention this radio chap draws from the head men of either party in making serious decisions?

United Nations Is Only Hope Of World For Final Peace

It will be very, very unfortunate for the future welfare of the world if the UN organization falls apart. Yet its failure, if such comes about, will be the result of inefficiency on the part of its leadership, rather than upon the idea.

Up to this point, the Reds have been running the affairs of the UN. The Reds have allowed members of their organization to run its affairs. The Reds have vetoed the measures which they do not like.

The United Nations is the only organization which is working for world peace, but it is not accomplishing its job as Americans had hoped it could. There have been too many obstacles in its way. Remove these, and perhaps UN will be able to do what the League of Nations failed to do. We still have in mind the fact that American opposition killed the League; but American dollars are keeping alive UN. We have all the reason in the world to strive for its life.

Greetings to One and To All At This Christmas Period

Here is hoping that all of you will get all that you desire from good Old Santa.

No matter who or what Santa may be, let us remember that this is the time of year for gift giving.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," says the Good Book, but few of us have learned this lesson. We are selfish enough to want to get more than we put out. Guess that it is a fundamental of human nature, regardless of the time of year or the conditions under which we live.

Here is to all of you: May this Christmas be a Merry one, filled with joys to the overflowing.

To be a balanced citizen you must spend some time each day trying to keep up with the national and international news, even though you are more interested in the local scandal.

A lot of college students, enjoying the holidays at home after their first taste of college, will discover that home is a pretty good place after all.

The advertising pages show vividly the wealth of this country. They also offer the shoppers a regular and up-to-date catalogue.

This is an appropriate time of year to dedicate your life to Christian principles, and the support of some church.

As far as we are concerned, the coming generation is all right, and isn't headed for the dogs.

Balance and intelligence prevent many writers from turning out more interesting copy.

The world's great mysteries, which puzzle intelligent people, never bother the ignorant.

As we have said before, there are plenty of good five-cent cigars—selling for ten cents.

It's about time to start thinking up resolutions you won't keep after New Year's Day.

Never base your plans on the performances of others; you will be disappointed.

Ambition is fine as long as it doesn't result in the trampling of other peoples' rights.

Remember that proper etiquette in the field forbids the killing of fellow hunters.

Never underestimate the seriousness with which most people take themselves.

What the world needs is less mouth from the organizers and would-be-leaders.

People are more willing to believe gossip when it concerns a rival.

Religion is one thing nobody can take from you, if you have any.

The more one talks the less strength he has in the conversation.

Some of these paragraphs may seem absurd; they are absurd.

Pretty girls are the best interior decoration available to offices.

The law is a great thing when it coincides with your interests.

Spend less than you earn and you can have social security of your own.

Petty honors appeal to petty minds.

WHO Knows

1. What territory comprises the Middle East?
2. What is known as the Iberian Peninsula?
3. When did Congress first meet in Washington?
4. Can you recall the dates of V-E Day and V-J Day?
5. How many births occur each year in the United States?
6. What is the largest corporation in the U. S.?
7. What is our largest manufacturing corporation?
8. What is the acreage of the nation's crops?
9. Who is the new President of the C. I. O.?
10. How many union members are there in the United States? (See The Answers on Page 7.)

Bible Verse to Study

"He brought him to Jesus."

1. To whom does the "he" in the above statement refer?
2. Whom did he bring to Jesus?
3. What was his name changed to?
4. Where may this verse be found?

Bible Verse Answers

1. Andrew, one of Jesus' disciples.
2. Simon, his brother.
3. Cephas, meaning a stone.
4. John 1: 42.

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Winner of FIRST PLACE in the Texas Press Association contest as outstanding newspaper in Texas for 1950.

Winner of FIRST PLACE in the Panhandle Press Association contest for editorials in 1952.

Winner of FIRST PLACE in the Texas Press Association contest for column writing in 1952; second in the State in General Excellence.

OVERCOMES HANDICAP

Van Nuys, Cal. — Although Mrs. Mary Ann Huff, a polio victim, is confined to an iron lung, she is rearing her children and running her household—via telephone. She has been in the respirator for three years, totally paralyzed except that she can move her head from side to side.

How seldom we weigh our neighbor in the same balance with ourselves. —Thomas A. Kempis.

Impartial survey shows

WHITE SWAN BEST AMONG SIX LEADING COFFEES!



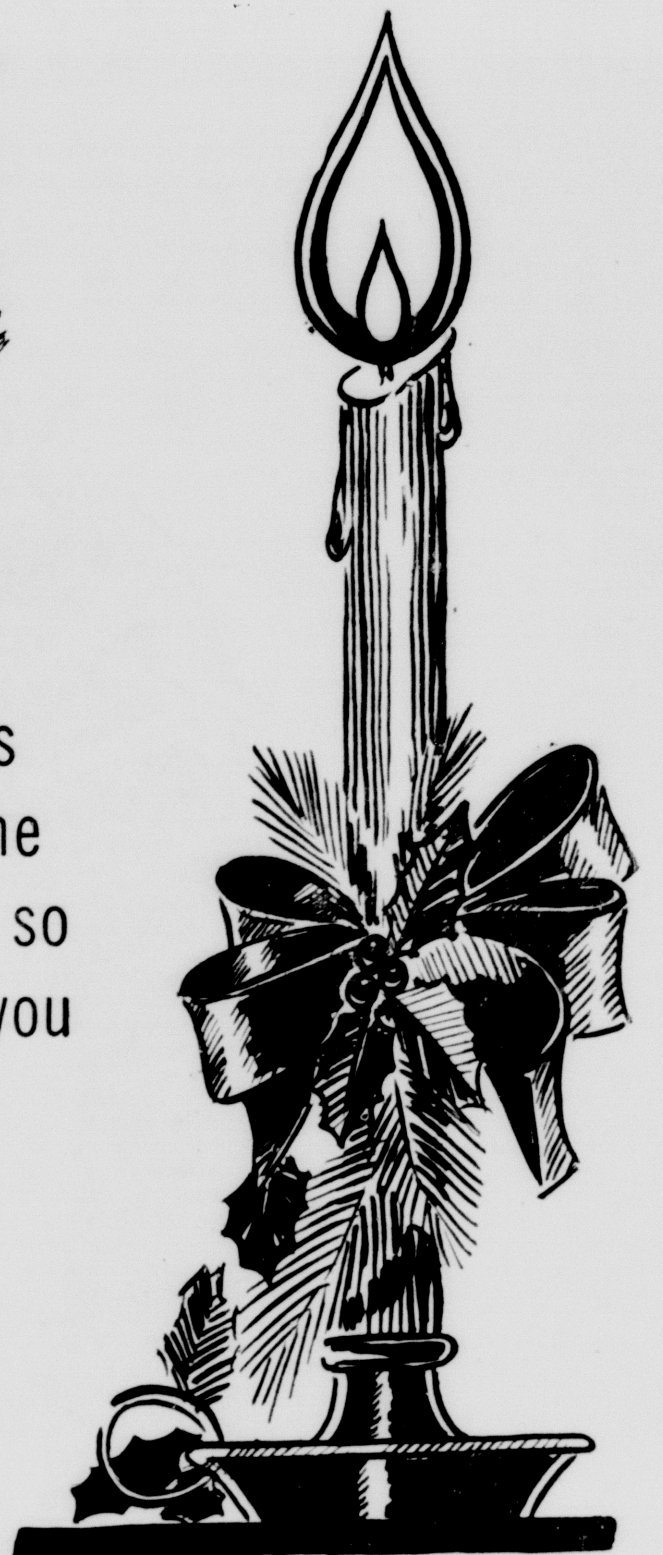
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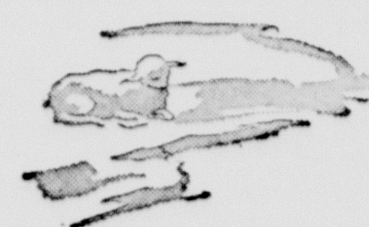


CHRISTMAS



Fear not, for behold!

The good tidings of great joy are
wonderfully repeated for us all
again this year.



T. A. BLACK

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RANDALL

This is to certify that the undersigned are forming a limited partnership and that

I.
The name of the firm under which the partnership is to be conducted is "Farmers Elevator Company, Limited."

II.
The general nature of the business to be transacted is the trade, business and occupation of operating a grain elevator.

III.
The names of all the general and special partners interested therein, distinguishing which are general and which are special partners, and their respective places of residence are as follows:

R. B. Elliott, special partner, Canyon, Randall County, Texas
J. P. Taylor, general partner, Canyon, Randall County, Texas
B. R. Evans, general partner, Tulia, Swisher County, Texas

IV.
The amount of capital which each special partner has contributed to the common stock is \$66,756.42, all of which is represented by property of the cash value as placed thereon by the said R. B. Elliott of \$66,756.42, which property consists of:

An undivided fifty-five percent (55%) of all interest in any way pertaining to the Farmers Elevator located in Canyon, Texas, which includes the railroad lease on land, quonset granary and equipment, office and store room and equipment, scales and a 120,000 bushel concrete tubular grain elevator and equipment, and being all the physical properties located at the site of the Farmers Elevator in Canyon, Texas, said property being located on the above mentioned leased land, said leased land being described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a point 100 feet South from and in a direction at right angles to this center line of the main track of which the Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway Company is lessee, at Mile Post No. 570, plus 3033.5 feet; Thence West parallel with said center line 313 feet; Thence South at right angles, 56 feet to a point on the South property line of said Railway Company; Thence East at right angles, 313 feet; Thence North 56 feet to point of beginning; said tract containing 17,528 square feet, and being less than 150 feet from the Railway Company's section house, Randall County, Texas.

V.
The partnership is to commence on the 29th day of November, 1952 and the period on which it is to terminate is the 1st day of January, 1962.

R. B. Elliott
J. P. Taylor
B. R. Evans

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RANDALL

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared R. B. Elliott, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 29th day of November, A. D., 1952.

R. B. Allen
Notary Public in and for Randall County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SWISHER

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared B. R. Evans, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 3rd day of December, A. D., 1952.

R. B. Allen
Notary Public in and for Randall County, Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared B. R. Evans, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 2nd day of December, A. D., 1952.

Jack R. Love
Notary Public in and for Said County and State

A F F I D A V I T
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SWISHER

Before me, Jack R. Love, a Notary Public in and for Swisher County, Texas, personally came and appeared on this 2nd day of December, 1952, B. R. Evans, aforementioned, one of the general partners in the firm of Farmers Elevator Company, Limited referred to in the preceding certificate, who being by me duly sworn did depose and say that the sum specified in the said certificate to have been contributed by the special partner therein named to the common stock, to-wit: \$66,756.42 by the said R. B. Elliott has been actually and in good faith contributed in property as described in such certificate of partnership of the cash value of \$66,756.42.

B. R. Evans
General Partner

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by the said B. R. Evans this 2nd day of December, 1952. To certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Jack R. Love
Notary Public in and for Swisher County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SWISHER

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Jack R. Love
Notary Public in and for Said County and State

A F F I D A V I T
Before me, R. B. Allen, a Notary Public in and for Randall County, Texas, personally came and appeared on this 3rd day of December, 1952, J. P. Taylor, aforementioned, one of the general partners in the firm of Farmers Elevator Company, Limited referred to in the preceding certificate, who being by me duly sworn did depose and say that the sum specified in the said certificate to have been contributed by the special partner therein named to the common stock, to-wit: \$66,756.42 by the said R. B. Elliott has been actually and in good faith contributed in property as described in such certificate of partnership of the cash value of \$66,756.42.

J. P. Taylor
General Partner

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by the said J. P. Taylor this 3rd day of December, 1952. To certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

R. B. Allen
Notary Public in and for Randall County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RANDALL

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared J. P. Taylor, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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R. B. Allen
Notary Public in and for Said County and State

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RANDALL

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

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Witness my hand this 29th day of November, 1952.

R. B. Elliott
Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said R. B. Elliott this 29th day of November, 1952. To certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

R. B. Allen
Notary Public in and for Randall County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RANDALL

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared R. B. Elliott, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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R. B. Allen
Notary Public in and for Said County and State

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INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT

The nation's industrial output registered a post-war high during October and was even higher in November, according to a report of the Federal Reserve Board.

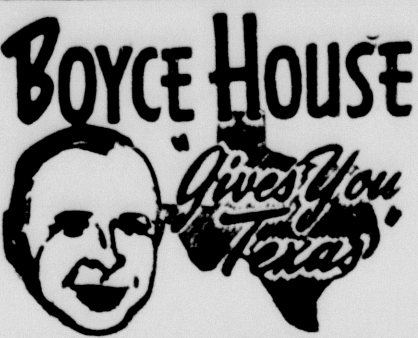
The Japanese say, "Pinch yourself and know how others feel."

—La Fontaine.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the First National Bank in Canyon that the annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its offices on the second Tuesday of January, 1953, the same being the 13th day of January, 1953, at 4:00 p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and considering other business which may come before the stockholders.

W. C. BLACK,
President.



This past summer, I hit the political trail in Texas on behalf of a friend of mine who was running for the State Supreme Court. We traveled some 6,000 miles together, with me at the steering wheel. The judge has a good sense of humor and is an excellent storyteller and I enjoyed the travels very much.

Perhaps the most amusing little incident happened in a small city where the judge electioneered with a citizen on the street and the voter said, in parting, "Well, keep a-hustlin' bub"—this to a member of the Court of Civil Appeals who was running for the most dignified and exalted of judicial positions! But the judge proved he was a good campaigner for he smiled and came right back with, "Thanks, pal."

Judge Frank P. Culver is a citizen, lawyer and jurist of the highest type and will be a worthy member of the Supreme Court of Texas.

On the lawn of the Los Angeles city hall is a monument on which is inscribed a man's name, the date of his birth and the date of his death, nothing more. I had never heard of him and I venture that most of those who saw the monument never had heard of him, either. The fleetness of fame! He was, perhaps, the giant of the city's business and civic life in his day, but now forgotten while a vagabond of his time who wrote a poem that men memorize and quote still lives because his monument is in the hearts of humanity.

A sight glimpsed in Los Angeles, the city of glamour and opportunity: A young man asleep on a grassy plot at the foot of a billboard, his hand resting on the "Help Wanted" section of a newspaper, all his belongings under his head. Ah, youth and its bright hopes! He may, in a year or two, be a movie star, but, more likely, will be playing the leading role behind a drug store soda fountain.

One Minute
Sports Quiz

1. Who will manage the Dodgers next year?
2. Who won the LSU-Tulane football game?
3. With what sport do you associate the Red Wings?
4. What sport draws more spectators than any other?
5. Where is the Cotton Bowl located?

THE ANSWERS:

1. Chuck Dressen.
2. LSU 16-0.
3. Hockey; the Red Wings being Detroit's team.
4. Basketball.
5. Dallas, Texas.

WAXED FLOOR FATAL

New York — The 15-floor-death plunge of Stephen W. Ordway, 16-year-old son of former New York city civil service commissioner, apparently occurred after he slipped on a highly polished floor at his home and tumbled over the sill of an open window.

SNOW SHOVELER DIES

Baltimore, Md.—William Wheeler, 38, collapsed and died of a heart attack, when he returned in doors after cleaning snow from the sidewalk in front of his home.

NO DEER: ONE BEAR

Potsdam, N. Y. — Mrs. Bernice Grant recently went deer hunting. She saw no deer but a black bear popped up. Mrs. Grant took two shots to drop the bruin.

PETER RABBIT IN MARINES

St. Louis, Mo. — A World War II veteran of the offensive on Tarawa, who recently re-enlisted, is named Peter Rabbitt, Jr. Peter has a brother, named Jack Rabbitt and a sister, "Bunny" Rabbitt.

FEDERAL HOUSING

A Congressional housing subcommittee has urged that in future construction under Government housing programs, more attention should be paid to planning and quality.

People think of the Golden Rule as something mild and innocuous, like a baby lamb. But when they suffer an infringement of it, they think they've been mauled by a panther. —Francis Wren.

Your neighbor is your other self. Dwelling behind a wall. In understanding all walls shall fall. —Kahlil Gibran.

Like gluttony or drunkenness, hatred seems an agreeable vice when you practice it your self, but disgusting when observed in others. —Will Irwin.

World-record wheat yield believed attained in Britain.

Italy found progressing in effort to build armed forces.

Letters to Santa

Anthony wants a baseball glove, one.

Robert, Anthony daddy wants a Bee Bee gun 3

Jimmy wants a wind mill

Anthony, Robert, Jimmy Book sack

Robert, Anthony wants a bill-folds

Anthony, Robert wants a electric train

Mother wants a record

Jimmy wants a elephant

Robert wants a big tractor.

Anthony Handing

Robert Handing

Jimmy Handing

NEW JETS

The Air Force has accepted the first in a new series of jet fighter planes in the "over-600-miles-per-hour class." The first Thunderstreak off the Republican Aviation Corporation production line was accepted by Air Under Secretary Roswell L. Gilpatrick. The swept-wing F-84F fighter is an advancement over the Thunderjets now being used in Korea, carrying greater external armament and fuel load.

AFROTC CALL

About 8,000 Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps students, who will receive their commissions between next May 1st and April 30, 1954, can expect a quick call from Uncle Sam. The Air Force has announced that the 8,000 AF-ROTC men, to get their orders within four months after they are commissioned, will all be non-veterans or students not deferred for graduate study.

COOPERATION

After a visit with President Truman, Governor Stevenson declared that he and Mr. Truman were agreed that the Democratic Party must subordinate its interests to those of the nation.

WOMEN WORKERS

About 19,000,000 women are gainfully employed today, according to the Women's Bureau of the Labor Department. This is an increase of half a million since 1951, according to the Bureau.

George Meany elected president of the A. F. L. to succeed the late William Green.



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Canyon High School Girls Chorus of the 1952 Christmas Program



Miss Ada V. Clark is shown in the center of the Canyon High School Choir that staged the attractive Christmas program at the school house Wednesday night. One of the events that especially pleased Miss Clark was the fact that only a very few of the choir was absent. Less than six of the choir members were absent and the band is made up of more than 50 boys and girls. The program was such a success that Miss Clark hopes to make it an annual event at the High School.

Impressive Yuletide Cantata Given Wednesday by Canyon High Choir

"We were especially pleased to see so many townspeople out Wednesday night," said Miss Ada V. Clark last week as she told of the impressive Christmas cantata conducted at the high school auditorium. The program was one which depended, for a great part, upon the response of the public. This response was given and it is hoped that such a program can become an annual production.

"The Awakening" was given by the entire chorus. The cantata consisted of all sacred music. The program Wednesday night did not have group singing, it was all done by the chorus. One of the remarkable things Miss Clark pointed out was the small number of students who were absent.

Miss Clark who directed the program, said that the students and departments of the school did a wonderful job of building the set designs and decorating the auditorium. The art class made up the programs, crafts department, under Mr. Burgess' direction, prepared the set and stage decorations, and Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Neelley, and Mr. Demus contributed to the success of the program.

There was the reading of the Christmas story from the Bible by Charles Boling. The prayer was pronounced by Frances Cunningham and a boys' ensemble sang "O Come, O Come, Immanuel." A trio sang "Once in Royal David's City."

The evening's songs given by the chorus were "Christmas Greeting," "Here We Come A-Wassailing," "A Musical Christmas Card," "O Holy Night," "Christmas Hymn," and "Good Night."

Instrumental music consisting of Christmas carols was given by the brass ensemble. The dress ensemble was under the direction of Mr. Demus, high school band director. Friday afternoon when the students were preparing to leave for their Christmas holiday there was a repeat performance of the program. It was changed a little to fit the occasion, but it still held its impressive flavor. The chorus selected two numbers to present at the final 1952 assembly: "A Musical Christmas Card" and "O Holy Night."

One of the main differences in the Wednesday night program and the Friday afternoon assembly was that group singing was featured Friday afternoon. The assembly was begun with the singing of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." An ensemble sang "Glory to God in the Highest," which was followed by the group singing "White Christmas."

"Winter Wonderland" was a special number by an ensemble and then the freshmen girls did a fine job on a novelty tune, "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth." Then the choir gave their two numbers which were followed by Charles Boling's reading of the bible, and the reading of Frances Cunningham.

HOSEA FOSTER HOME SETTING FOR CHRISTMAS COFFEE

One of the most beautiful of the Christmas parties was given Saturday morning in the home of Mrs. Hosea Foster with Mrs. Otis Parker, Mrs. Houston Bright, and Mrs. Robert P. Jarrett as co-hostesses with Mrs. Foster.

Between the hours of 9 and 12 more than 200 women called for coffee at the attractively decorated home. All the rooms carried interesting Yuletide arrangements. Pine cones, Santa Claus and hand decorated tapers formed a most attractive centerpiece to the silver appointed coffee table.

Mrs. Zoe Holman and Mrs. R. P. Jarrett presided at the coffee service during the first hour; Mrs. Lee Foster and Mrs. Zula Usery for the second and third hours.

Hold Henderson Funeral Tuesday P. M. at Stratford

Final rites for Mrs. Leta Frances Henderson were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the First Baptist Church of Stratford. Rev. Strauss Atkinson officiated at the funeral of the 87-year-old woman.

Mrs. Henderson died Monday morning at 2:50 o'clock in an Amarillo Nursing home. Her death followed a lengthy illness.

Survivors include a daughter, Ealon Norvell of Canyon; one granddaughter, Dr. Leta Boswell of Canyon; one sister, Mrs. Mattie Furgeson of Streetman; eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were under the direction of Griggs-Warren Funeral Home and burial was in the Stratford cemetery.

Pall bearers were O. H. Ingham, Newton Crabtree, W. G. Hart, Cone Donelson, T. L. Taylor, and Wendell Flores.

Stork Specials

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adcock of Terminal are the parents of a 4 pounds, 14 ounce son, born on December 9. Mrs. Adcock will be remembered as Othella Pruitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pruitt.

The assembly was completed with the group singing several numbers. An appropriate number closed the assembly. It was "Joy to the World." After the final song, the assembly adjourned.

Most Valuable Players of 1952 Named at WTSC

West Texas State College football team recently selected Robert Whelchel as its most valuable 1952 player. The 180-pound sophomore fullback lists Claude as his home town. This year he led the Buffs in scoring and in yards gained. During the season the mighty red-haired Buffalo smashed over the opponents' goal line eight times for a total of 48 points.

The second most valuable player was also selected from the ranks of the sophomores. He is Kenneth Clapp, quarterback, who hails from Borger. Clapp tips the scales at 165 and his job was that of calling signals. In addition to directing strategy the little quarterback booted the extra points for Coach Kimbrough's Thundering Herd.

Bus Strike Puts Crimp in Service News Engravings

Drivers on the Texas-New Mexico transportation lines are on strike—if you are not aware of this situation.

The strike started last week from Roswell to Amarillo. The Canyon News has its engravings made in Clovis. These have been delivered in the past by bus, as the mail service is uncertain.

As a result of early publication, several engravings are missing from this issue of The News.

We regret this, but could not help the situation.

Cecil B. DeMille, still active movie producer at 71: "The actual shooting is the easiest part of 71: 'The actual shooting is the easiest part of making a picture.'"

Rise in U. S. exports next year held a possibility.

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County Will Get New Strip Farm-Market Paving

Randall County will get an additional strip of Farm-to-Market road paved for a distance of 10.5 miles in the near future. The strip of paving will lie in the south end of the county just two miles south of the Wayside paving.

Monday morning County Judge Burney Slack traced the route of the new strip on his map. The new dustless surface will be two miles north of the Swisher County line. This improvement will run approximately 8½ miles west, then north to the Jowell School.

Slack said that the money to construct the Farm-to-Market road was furnished by the federal government. The only county funds required is that to supply all required right-of-way.

Upon acceptance of the order the State Highway Engineer is to proceed with the work as soon as possible. The construction job is to be performed in the most economical manner possible and when the paving is completed the State Highway Engineer is to assume maintenance.

Hospital News

Mrs. Nancy McCasland, medical
Mrs. J. M. Pilgram, medical
Mrs. Nell Vandergriff, medical
Mrs. Herbert Kuhlman, medical
Miss Gladys Mae Armstrong, surgical

Charles Sutton, medical
Mrs. Mary Alice Forgerly, medical
Nickey Joe Urselding, medical
Elmer A. O'Berst, Sr., medical
Paul F. Black, medical

Students
Roylene Hawkins, medical
Sue Collins, medical
Margaret Pugh, medical
Norma Jean Painter, medical
Paula Jean Daniels, medical
Lonny Ray Campbell, surgical
Emma Jane Brown, surgical

Births
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. August Halama on December 16.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris, a daughter, on December 16.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beck, Jr., are the parents of a son, born December 17.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Blanton Armstrong on Dec. 22.

Harley Burrus, L. D. Costley, and George Costley were in California last week on a business and pleasure trip. George Costley remained out there. Enroute home Mr. Burrus visited with his son and daughter-in-law, Cpl. and Mrs. Dennis Burrus, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Donald Maclean and Guy Burgess, two British Foreign Service officers who disappeared, are reported behind the Iron Curtain editing the Communist magazine New Times, English-language publication aimed at promoting Communism in the West.

Youngsters Find Real Hospitality With Grahams

The hospitality of Canyon has been given to a couple of children in time for a wonderful Christmas. The two children are Wanda, a little 5-year-old girl, and David, a 2-year-old boy. The youngsters were adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Graham, 2003 5th Ave.

The Grahams adopted the children December 9. Mrs. Graham said, "Canyon has already given the youngsters a marvelous start." She also added that she and her husband appreciated the wonderful cooperation of the local people.

Mr. Graham is a grocery store operator who has been in the vicinity of Canyon for seven years. His business is located on US Highway 87. He recently constructed a larger business building.

Mrs. Graham is also civic minded and enjoys working with children. She is a school teacher and has been helping children grow up for a number of years.

POLIO STRIKES WHOLE FAMILY

Chicago. Two months ago, Thomas Michiels, 21, seemed about ready to fulfill his dream of a new home for his family and a fine practice as a dentist. Today, he is paralyzed from the neck down, destitute and may never practice again. His wife is in an even more serious condition, completely paralyzed and in a respirator. Their son, Robert, 5, is paralyzed below the waist—all victims of polio. The Michiels' two other sons, who escaped the disease, are being cared for by grandparents.

AND THE NEXT?

"The best way to enjoy perfect health is to rise at 5 every morning and have a cold bath," says a doctor. Oh, well, what's the next best way?

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FOR RENT: Three bedroom home. Call 234J. 3712

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M. A. Hollabaugh 37p4

FOR SALE: Six bull calves, Registered Herefords. Three are ten months old. Phone 9025 or see T. A. Dowlen. 37p2

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom furnished house. Phone 392W before 8 a. m. or after 6 p. m. 35tf

FOR SALE: Sweet sorghum butts, \$22.50 ton in the field. 8000 bundles light grain kafir, \$32.50 ton. One mile north of Kaffir Elevator, nine miles east. Dean Harman, R. 2, Tulia, Texas. 35p2

FOR SALE: Two bedroom house, two years old, \$5600. 600 8th Ave. Canyon. Write A. T. Reese, RFD No. 1, Hereford, Texas. 36p2

FOR SALE: Two bedroom house, garage, Bendix washer. 2004 1st Ave. Phone 783J. 36p2

FOR SALE: Cottonseed meal, \$96. Cottonseed cake, \$98. 41% protein. Happy Elevator Co. 34tf

FOR SALE: 20% Quaker Cubes, \$90.00 ton. Happy Elevator Co. 34tf

FOR SALE: Blackstrap Molasses, \$1.75 per hundred bulk. Happy Elevator Co. 34tf

FOR SALE: Practically new two bedroom house. Part terms. M. E. Cantrell home. Located 2408 6th Ave. 36tf

FOR SALE: Few young Parakeets. Right age for training. Call 234J. 3612

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FOR RENT: Two rooms and bath, furnished house near college. 2311 5th Ave. Phone 171M. 37p1

FOR RENT: Three room apartment with bath, 2015 2nd Ave. Phone 786W. 37tf

FOR RENT: 4 room unfurnished apartment. Private bath. Phone 277J. 36tf

WILL TRADE one-fourth section of land for good house in town. W. H. Harden. 3612

FOR RENT: Two room furnished apartment with private bath. Mrs. Otto White. Phone 691J. 34tf

FOR RENT: Three room modern house to right party. Four miles east, 1½ miles south of Canyon. Wilson Bros. 35tf

FOR RENT: Clean two room furnished apartment. 1000 5th Ave. Phone 796W. 3714

FOR RENT: 3 room apartment, private bath. 710 4th Ave. Phone 293W after 4 p. m. 35tf

WANTED: Girl to keep house during months of January and February. Mrs. E. T. Sykes, R. 2, Canyon. 35tf

AVON. Mrs. Lynna Pettitt. 1812 6th Ave. Phone 204. 36tf

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WANTED: Upholstery Work: Tailored slip covers. Mrs. John Wallen. Phone 824J. 29tf

FOR RENT: Two room unfurnished house in rear—1006 Seventh Ave. 28tf

LISTINGS of improved and unimproved property—Before you buy see K. B. Goodman, 1408 4th Ave., Phone 111. 52Dtf

WILL CARE FOR CHILDREN in my home while their mothers work or attend school by hour, day or week. Phone 614W. 303 27th St. 34113

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BARGAIN DAYS: Newspaper Bargain Days have been renewed by the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram. The regular rate of \$18.00 per year has been reduced to \$13.95. You can buy both the Star-Telegram and The Canyon News for only \$15.45 per year; or the Star-Telegram for 6 days for only \$12.60, \$14.10 for both papers without the Sunday edition. Subscribe now! The Canyon News.

MAIL THIS ISSUE of The News to a friend when you get through reading it. However, it will be cheaper to pay for an annual subscription to The Canyon News and have the paper mailed weekly to pay the postage every week. tf

Buff Cagers To Give Fans Double Header Thrills

The first doubleheader basketball attraction ever offered fans in the Panhandle will be a holiday attraction of West Texas State College. This attraction is to be offered Monday and Tuesday nights. In the doubleheader games the Buffs will host Texas Tech, New Mexico University, and Pepperdine of Los Angeles.

Monday night the Herd will meet Pepperdine while Texas Tech will tangle with New Mexico University. On Tuesday the Red Raiders of Tech will oppose the Pepperdine quintet while Gus Miller's team takes on New Mexico University.

Since returning from the trip back east, Coach Miller has put his Buffaloes of the basketball court through a vigorous training session. On this trip the Buffs dropped two games, one to Seton Hall in New York City, and the other to St. Joseph's in Convention Hall, Philadelphia.

The Herd has a score to settle with both teams it will meet during the meet. Last season when the WT squad visited Los Angeles the Waves of Pepperdine dropped them 64 to 59. Early this season the New Mexico University Lobos defended themselves to a 62-44 victory over the Buffs.

Coach Miller has been doing a considerable amount of work with the squad in preparation for the holiday games. It may be that the Buffs will have some shocking developments to unveil before their opponents during this holiday period.

Home Decoration Contest Winners Are Announced

The \$25 first prize given by the Chamber of Commerce in Canyon's Home Decoration contest went to Art Roberts of 1111 4th Avenue. Roberts had an elaborate display of the nativity in his front yard. He had actual figures of large proportions representing the various people who make up the scene. The sheep of this scene were constructed of paper mache.

Mrs. D. P. Clark of 906 14th won the \$15 second prize in the Chamber of Commerce sponsored contest, and the third prize of \$10 went to Mrs. Clarence Maynard of 2607 7th Avenue.

Glenn Waggoner, Chamber of Commerce manager, stated that a total of seven houses were entered in the contest. The manager also said that the yule season brought many attractive decorations in Canyon.

Judging of the home decorations was done by six out-of-town people. The judges were from Lubbock, Waco, and Gatesville.

Umbarger News

Mr. and Mrs. George Myers, Sr., of California are spending the Christmas holidays in the L. L. Raef home. Mrs. Raef is the former Reba Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Buecker and family visited with Mrs. Carrie Beckman.

Mrs. Ted Irlbeck and Evelyn visited with Mr. and Mrs. Max Koch.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Kerrigan, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gerber and family visited in the Jim Alford home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grabber visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grabber.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fischbacher and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kuster.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fangman, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rhinehart, and Mr. and Mrs. John Wieck visited in the Paul Artho home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wieck visited in the Joe Wieck home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Batenhorst and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Batenhorst, and Mr. and Mrs. Clem Friemel were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Friemel.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Brandt and family visited Mr. and Mrs. John Batenhorst.

Mr. and Mrs. Werner Henscheid visited in the Ray Batenhorst home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Friemel and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Louie Wieck.

Those attending the surprise birthday party honoring Anna Hoffman were: Peggy and Jo Alford, Theresa Batenhorst, Anna Buecker, Catherine Koch, Helen Westhoff, Betty Higgins, Mary Fishbacker, Marcella Prillas, Margaret Friemel, Helen and Barbara Raef, Elizabeth Ann Beckman, Betty Hoffman, Mary Janssen, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Janssen and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Klueskins, and the honoree.

Those attending a birthday party honoring Melvin Vorwald were: Kenneth Artho, Willie Wieck, Ed Grabber, Deanna Stocker, Margaret Westhoff, Beatrice Wieck.

Exchanging visits were: Bernice Prillas with Phyllis Friemel, Peggy Albracht with Evelyn Hoffman, Aline Stocker with Mary Hoffman, Gene Stocker with Max Hoffman.

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Strange to see our Christmas customs through foreign eyes

A German woman, visiting in the Southwest last week, was surprised that we decorate our Christmas trees so early in the month.

In Germany, she says, the tree is decorated behind closed doors on Christmas eve. Not until Christmas night does the father of the family go inside, with great ceremony, ring a bell as he lights the first candle, ring a second time as he finishes the task. The third ringing of the bell is a signal that the doors may be thrown open.

Each member of the family has his own "table," or part of a table top, on which his gifts have been placed and covered with paper. With each is a plate of sweetmeats that have been prepared at home. These are uncovered before the doors are opened. It is a time of great excitement when the family enters the room.

A plate of cookies and candies have also been made ready for each guest who is expected to call during the day — father-in-law, cousins, uncles and aunts. It is a charming Christmas custom, as the those of many lands.

Many Americans remember the days of lighted candles on Christmas trees here at home. And many of us in the Southwest can recall when the only Christmas trees to be seen were those in the churches. To say we have "progressed" to a safer lit tree that we can enjoy many more days would not be entirely fair. Yet we think that we can enjoy many more days would not be entirely fair. Yet we think it nice that American children get to share in the fun of getting the tree ready for the great event, too. It seems a shame for the grownups to have most of the fun.

Help Keep Canyon Clean!

Lions Win Over Rotarians 38-31

The Canyon Lions downed the Rotarians Friday night in a basketball game in the high school auditorium by a score of 38-31. Dr. Dudley Moore said Tuesday morning. One of the deciding factors was that the Rotarians and Lions would continue their friendly rivalry in the form of volleyball. Dr. Moore said the two clubs would probably play one volleyball game each month.

The Lions seemed to have the Rotarians beat on height through the efforts of Preston Taylor, Milton (Buff) Morris, and Bill Knighton. Some of the other Lions players included Clark Jarnagin, who fouled off, W. J. Wooten, Jr., Dr. Clark Harvey, Dutch Cleavinger, Kermit Pond, and George Blackwell.

The most valuable Rotarians included Truett Hull and Elmer Cummings. Among the Rotarians seeing action in the game were Jack Haley, Winston Wilbanks, Bud Parker, Bill Lee, and Lowell Harrison.

Both clubs expressed appreciation on the part of the public and the officials who helped put the game over. The referee for the game was Eddie Conner, assistant coach at Canyon High School.

Bill Cross Home For Yule Holidays

Bill Cross, ex-West Texas State College Buffalo of the gridiron and a veteran of two years as a pro football player with the Chicago Cardinals, returned home for the Christmas holidays.

His foremost aims seemed to be to forget about football and work while spending a pleasant holiday at home.

First Sleet of Month Falls Here On Thursday

"Canyon received a light sleet, following a sprinkle, Thursday afternoon. Driving was hazardous as a result of the sleet on the pavement.

This was the first moisture of the month of December, and measured only .06 of an inch. The total moisture for 1952 now measures only 12.58 inches, making this one of the lightest years for moisture in the history of the Panhandle.

Guy B. Tabor and daughter, Mrs. Coystal T. Stone, and her sons from Dumas are spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. C. V. Tabor, in Clyde.

"Aunt Nora" Coffin, 101-year-old resident of Springfield, Me.: "Drink plenty of warm milk and water—but no alcohol—if you want to live to be 101."

Farm product prices decline 2 per cent in month.

Flood of whisky facing the distilling industry.

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CHRISTMAS CHOIR... Junior members of a church choir lift their voices in song during the annual Christmas candlelight service. Truly, they represent the spirit of Christmas.

Quaint Rehearsal Of Christ's Birth Found in Old Carol

"Auld Lang Syne" has become such an integral part of our modern New Year's eve that no celebration, however gay, would be complete without it.

The music sheets for those nostalgic strains simply say "Robert Burns—Scotch Air," and Robert Burns generally is supposed to have written it after he had settled down on a farm and taken himself a wife, following the sweeping success in 1778 of the second edition of his "Poems." Well and good, but Auld Lang Syne was not exclusively a Burns' product, nor did he claim it to be.

In a letter to George Thomson, a publisher, Burns explained:

"It is an old song of olden times, which has never been in print. I took it down from an old man's singing."

Modern scholarship has discovered that Burns was wrong when he told Thomson "Auld Lang Syne" never had been in print. Its refrain, at least, was printed obscurely long before Burns heard his "old man singing."

Further, the original song often has been credited to Sir Robert Aytoun (1570-1638). Aytoun was one of the earliest Scots to use the lowland dialect as a literary medium. Multitudes of Americans descended from non-British stock are perpetually mystified by this dialect, nor does it seem to make much sense in the standard English translation.

Regardless of its original author and origin, it was Burns who gave "Auld Lang Syne" its immortality. And though the bells now welcome the New Year with joyous peals, symbolizing mankind's hope for a bright future, the nostalgia of "Auld Lang Syne" summarizes an

adherent reluctance to leave the security and friendship of the past and embark upon a future which, however promising, may not be more pleasant. Thus, it remains a part of the English speaking heritage to

"Drink a cup of kindness yet For Auld Lang Syne."

Christmas Eve Memory Check

Did You Remember... to take home a few extra toys? If you are expecting two or three neighborhood small fry to drop in, you can be sure six will show up. And three toys and six children do not enhance "Peace on Earth."

Did You Remember... to check the Christmas tree lights? Not day before yesterday. Not last week. We mean right now. A few stores are still open and you can supply new ones.

Did You Remember... that you told all those people to drop in for refreshment tonight? Better check on the cake, cookies, soft drinks, and other goodies.

Did You Remember... those last minute Christmas cards? If not, you can send telegrams to friends too far away for cards to reach them by December 25. You can even have a messenger call at your house while the guests you invited in for snacks are there, and probably everybody will remember someone far away who should have a Christmas greeting.

Did You Remember... to hang some kind of Christmas decoration outside the house, so passing strangers may enjoy some of the Christmas glow that is in your home and reflect it around your town? Remember, everyone has a part in this Christmas cheer, not just your small circle, and the more cheer you scatter, the more you will gather.

First Christmas Card Was Created in 1842

Over 250 years ago English school children wrote Christmas expressions of good will called "Christmas pieces." From this school chore came the gracious custom of sending Christmas cards.

The first known Christmas card was created in 1842 in London by a young etcher named William Egley.

In the United States, Louis Prang published the first Christmas cards. During the 1870's and 80's Prang produced thousands of beautiful cards and has become known as the grandfather of the business.

Far-Off Lands Come to Life In Yule Toys

GEOGRAPHY comes down the chimney on Christmas Eve.

In the flood of toys soon to spill out into the nation's living rooms will be the touch of many different lands. Beside a teddy bear, replica of Australia's marsupial furred koalas, perhaps will stand a carved wooden farm scene from German Bavaria, a South American gaucho doll, or a miniature pagoda made in Japan.

Similarly, the United States, now the world's leading toy maker, sends abroad its wild west costumes, its shiny playtime trucks and cars and earth-moving equipment, its small-scale railroads and sky scrapers to delight children all over the globe.

Toy industries in Germany and Japan are on the upswing again. Germany was among the first nations in the world to make tin horses on wheels, engines that ran, animals that walked, birds that sang. Now U.S. buyers go back to cities such as Nurnberg for the output of ingenious middle-aged inventors.

New toys that startle the world often come from Europe. One such is a German duck which, when set on an incline, proudly walks down the slope. Another is a recent gadget from Denmark called a "tippe top," a wobbly sphere about the size of a small apple that suddenly flips upside down and continues spinning on its stem.

Winston Churchill was intrigued by the top when he first saw it. In Stockholm, the King of Sweden, a cabinet minister and an atom physicist, a Nobel Prize winner, got down on their hands and knees at a banquet to study the mysterious flip-flop action.

As a mirror of mankind's culture, toys reflect the progress of civilization. Yet an amazing similarity can sometimes be seen between the toys of long-forgotten eras and the playthings of today.

Man of Bethlehem

Jesus Christ is a God whom we can approach without pride, and before whom we may abase ourselves without despair.—Pascal.

As the print of the seal on the wax is the express image of the seal itself, so Christ is the express image—the perfect representation of God.—Ambrose.

The devotion to the person of Christ that steers clear of the doctrines and precepts of Christ, is but sentimental rhapsody. — Herrick Johnson.

This is part of the glory of Christ as compared with the chiefest of His servants that He alone stands at the absolute center of humanity, the one completely harmonious man, unfolding all which was in humanity, equally and full on all sides, the only one in whom the real and ideal met and were absolutely one. He is the absolute and perfect truth, the highest that humanity can reach; at once its perfect image and supreme Lord.—French.

Christmas 'Open House' Was Early Saxon Custom

AT CHRISTMASTIDE, the great hall of the Saxon lord was thrown open to peasant and noble alike—all mingling democratically and exchanging gifts and hearty cheer during a great feast and festivities composed of dance and song. With a tremendous burst of shouting, the Yule Log was dragged into the hall and placed upon the open fire pit. These democratic Christmas festivities lasted until the last dying embers of the log.

In our south, prior to the Civil War, the slaves, following this Saxon custom, would soak a log in the cypress swamps to extend the length of their Christmas freedom.

Former Canyon Woman Succumbs In California

Canyon friends of Mrs. Flora Belle Eastwood were recently saddened to hear of her death in Redlands, California. The 55-year-old woman was a native of Eldorado, Okla., and had been a resident of Redlands for the past six years. Before going to Redlands Mrs. Eastwood lived in Canyon and still has a number of friends in the vicinity.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Alvin R. Eastwood; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Livingston, and a son, Melvin Eastwood, all of Redlands; two daughters, Mrs. Glenna B. Anderson of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Frances Koprian of Tularosa, N. M.; two sisters, Mrs. Mark L. Foster of Bellflower and Mrs. J. P. Rusk of Redlands, California.

Mrs. Eastwood had been in ill health approximately one year. She died Thursday, December 18. Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment following in Montecito Memorial Park.

News Comes to the Readers a Little Early This Week

It was decided Monday that it would be necessary for The Canyon News to be published Tuesday in order that all readers would receive their copies about Christmas time.

For this reason the force jumped into the fray of getting out the paper a little earlier than usual. Perhaps some of the regular features which you expect to find in the paper are omitted because they failed to arrive on time.

At least, The News force is preparing for a Merry Christmas, and wish for all of its readers the same!



Fairview Breezes

A very Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.

We have been receiving a little moisture, principally on Friday and Saturday of last week.

The Home Demonstration Club Christmas tree was held Saturday evening. A large crowd attended and enjoyed the program given by the club members. Treats consisting of nuts, apples and candy were served to the crowd.

We will have our community tree Wednesday evening at the church. Everyone is welcome.

E. M. Wilson and Frank Rogers butchered hogs Tuesday.

A. L. Jackson is in Oklahoma looking after his ranch property there.

Chas. Sutton was taken ill suddenly Saturday and was rushed to Nebbett Hospital.

Jerry Shipman and Nicky Urselding were involved in a car accident while enroute to Canyon Saturday evening. Neither boy was seriously hurt. The Shipman car in which they were riding was completely wrecked.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Brazil have been visiting in the home of his parents. He has been discharged from the army and has procured work at Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Shipman and children plan to spend Christmas with his parents in Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Schaeffer are planning to spend Christmas with her parents in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wesley, Arlan and Sue, visited Sunday in the parental J. W. Wesley home.

Vesta Amerson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cagle in Tulsa Sunday.

Mrs. John Patterson was on the sick list last Sunday.

We are glad to report that Richard Evans is able to walk and attended church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers were in the G. E. Wesley home Friday evening.

Bro. Earl Lantrop preached two fine sermons Sunday to a small crowd.

The Wesley delegation will eat Christmas dinner with Mrs. Ella Hext in Happy Christmas Day. All the kith and kin are invited.

Brother Lantrop visited Sunday with the J. W. Wesleys.

Patricia Patterson has a cousin from Amarillo as her house guest.

Glenn McGahey left Tuesday for U. M. A. where he will spend a winter. He returned last week on three months spent in South Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen and children are visiting his parents with other relatives in Houston during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Cavitt are spending the holiday at the home of her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Smith are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Redmond Hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Collins and family of Vernon spent the week with his mother, Mrs. T. W. Collins.

Churchill announces curtainmen a defense program.

Time Is Short for Discount on Taxes; Poll Tax Payments

December 31 is the last day for payment of 1952 taxes in order to secure the prevailing discounts.

During December the discount rate has been 1% for payment of school, state and county taxes.

There will be no discount on payment of taxes during January.

It is evident that several important constitutional amendments will be submitted to the voters of Texas during 1953, and only those who have their new poll tax receipts will be allowed to vote. This is equally true of the proposed bond issues for public improvements which will be submitted to the voters of Randall county during 1953.

Pay your poll tax before January 31.

Heath & Lawless Take Over Oliver Agency in Canyon

G. B. Heath and his son-in-law, Luther Lawless, have bought the Oliver agency in Canyon from Byars-Oliver.

Announcement of the transfer is made in this issue of The Canyon News.

Mr. Heath is well known in Randall County in the real estate and insurance business. He previously served as County Commissioner in Precinct No. 1.

Mr. Lawless has been a successful teacher in the Amarillo schools. He plans to move back to Canyon in the near future, but is now spending his week-ends in becoming acquainted with the business.

Buy, Build, Live in Canyon!

Many Firms Are Taking Two Days Off for Christmas

Business will virtually be suspended in Canyon Friday following the general holiday for Christmas.

Many firms are using this extra holiday to start their annual inventory. Others are closed up tight for the two day holidays.

All phases of business will be resumed Saturday.

A public law is one dealing with classes rather than individuals.

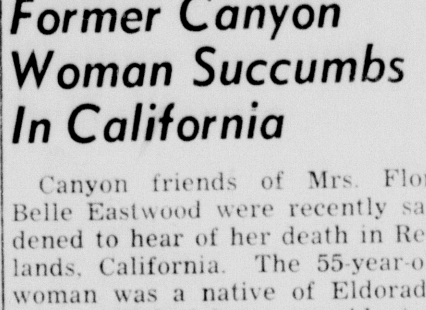
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Fairview Breezes

A very Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.

We have been receiving a little moisture, principally on Friday and Saturday of last week.

The Home Demonstration Club Christmas tree was held Saturday evening. A large crowd attended and enjoyed the program given by the club members. Treats consisting of nuts, apples and candy were served to the crowd.

We will have our community tree Wednesday evening at the church. Everyone is welcome.

E. M. Wilson and Frank Rogers butchered hogs Tuesday.

A. L. Jackson is in Oklahoma looking after his ranch property there.

Chas. Sutton was taken ill suddenly Saturday and was rushed to Nebbett Hospital.

Jerry Shipman and Nicky Urselding were involved in a car accident while enroute to Canyon Saturday evening. Neither boy was seriously hurt. The Shipman car in which they were riding was completely wrecked.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Brazil have been visiting in the home of his parents. He has been discharged from the army and has procured work at Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Shipman and children plan to spend Christmas with his parents in Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Schaeffer are planning to spend Christmas with her parents in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wesley, Arlan and Sue, visited Sunday in the parental J. W. Wesley home.

Vesta Amerson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cagle in Tulsa Sunday.

Mrs. John Patterson was on the sick list last Sunday.

We are glad to report that Richard Evans is able to walk and attended church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers were in the G. E. Wesley home Friday evening.

Bro. Earl Lantrop preached two fine sermons Sunday to a small crowd.

The Wesley delegation will eat Christmas dinner with Mrs. Ella Hext in Happy Christmas Day. All the kith and kin are invited.

Brother Lantrop visited Sunday with the J. W. Wesleys.

Patricia Patterson has a cousin from Amarillo as her house guest.

Glenn McGahey left Tuesday for U. M. A. where he will spend a winter. He returned last week on three months spent in South Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen and children are visiting his parents with other relatives in Houston during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Cavitt are spending the holiday at the home of her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Smith are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Redmond Hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Collins and family of Vernon spent the week with his mother, Mrs. T. W. Collins.

Churchill announces curtainmen a defense program.

Time Is Short for Discount on Taxes; Poll Tax Payments

December 31 is the last day for payment of 1952 taxes

Christmas Pearls

By Royce Fields

THE JOLLY SANTA, ringing his bell in an appeal for contributions for the needy, grinned his thanks as Dick Slater dropped a bill into the kettle. The donation was a salute, not only to the Yuletide spirit, but to Dick's own good fortune. He had a home, a lovely wife named Jean, and a smaller reproduction of himself named Pete. What more could a man want?

One other thing made this a great day for Dick. He was on his way to fulfill a dream. While they were still engaged, he had bought a strand of simulated pearls for Jean. Somehow the feeling had grown on him that, until he could replace the phony baubles with a string of real ones, he wouldn't be a success in the eyes of his dark-haired, brown-eyed Jean.

"Put this card on the outside of the package," he told the clerk who wrapped his gift. On the card he had written: TO A REAL PEARL—A STRING OF THEM!

It was beginning to get dark when Dick got off the train in suburban Roseville where he lived. He started to walk briskly toward his home, two blocks away. Happy in the glow of having at last realized his cherished dream, he didn't see the figure lurking in the dark alley till the man stepped out and thrust the gun into his abdomen.

"This is a stickup!" the thug snapped hoarsely. "Turn around and get your hands up!"

A feeling of relief flooded Dick as he remembered he had spent most of his money on the necklace. Then the thought hit him — the necklace itself was in his pocket!

"Listen fellow," he pleaded, over his shoulder, with the gunman, "I have a Christmas present for my wife in my pocket. Take my money, but leave me that."

The hoodlum didn't answer. Methodically, he continued taking everything out of Dick's pockets. As his hand started to remove the precious little package, Dick Slater went wild! He whirled, slapping with his left hand at about where he thought the gun would be. He caught nothing. The thief merely stepped back and brought the heavy gun crashing down on his victim's head.

AS THE DARKNESS cleared away, Dick became aware that he was in a hospital. Gradually, he realized Jean and little Pete were beside his bed.

"Oh Dick!" Jean half sobbed, half laughed. "I've been scared! The doctor says you only have a slight concussion, though, and you're going to be all right!"

As his head continued to clear, the realization of his loss overwhelmed Dick.

Cross, Box Still Strong In Pros

Professional football is usually considered the game of the giants, but there is a certain little guy who tips the scales at approximately 150 pounds who has changed this outlook somewhat.

Bill Cross, the small boy who helped to boost the West Texas Buffaloes to the Border Conference championship in 1950-51, has made quite a name for himself with the Chicago Cardinals in the pro ranks. Although the fans and press laud Bill as a scabback his teammates praise him for his blocking and tackling ability also.

Little Bill returned home to the Panhandle early this week and seems happy to be back. The main reason for his happiness is that he and his wife, Nancy, are expecting an addition to the family in the near future.

Cloyce Box, sensational end for the Detroit Lions and ex-West Texan, is giving all opponents a hard time this year. Box is considered one of the most dangerous ends in the business. He has scored as high as three touchdowns in a single game this season, and rarely has he been held scoreless in any tilt. Coach Hamp Pool of the Los Angeles Rams is racking his brain for a method of stopping the versatile end in the National Football League playoff Sunday afternoon.

ACCOMMODATING SHOPPER

Just as a small-town butcher was explaining the merits of a roast to a customer, a woman rushed in and interrupted him.

"Give me a half pound of cat meat—quick!" she ordered. Then she turned to the first customer and said: "I hope you don't mind my being served ahead of you."

"Oh, no," shrugged the first woman, "not if you're as hungry as all that."

HORRIBLE DREAM

Greasemonkey: "Doctor, I'm worried. Last night I dreamed I was alone with a thousand beautiful blondes, and a thousand beautiful brunettes, and a thousand red-heads. It was horrible, Doc."

Medico: "Well, what's so horrible about a lovely dream like that?"

Greasemonkey: "I dreamed I was a girl, too!"

Since its publication on September 30, 1,600,000 copies of the new revised standard version of the King James Bible have been sold.

Dr. Waldo E. Houghton

OPTOMETRIST

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

WE'D BE TRULY UNGRATEFUL IF WE DIDN'T STOP FOR A MOMENT TODAY AND THANK YOU for all the good things you have done for us during the year just closing . . . not only for the fine patronage you have accorded us, but for the many personal associations that have brought us closer together.

WARREN'S



The thief merely stepped back and brought the heavy gun crashing down on his victim's head.

"I had a present for you, Jean," he began.

"I know, Foolish," his wife cut in, "and you almost lost your life trying to save it."

"But it was the string of real pearls I've always wanted you to have, Jean. You know how much they meant to me!"

"Yes, I've known the silly obsession you've had about my wearing simulated pearls," Jean said almost sternly. "It never seemed to occur to you that my husband and little Pete were the real pearls in my life!"

"Well, this is going to be a bum Christmas for you," Dick said glumly, "and I thought it would be the best yet."

"It's going to be," Jean told him. "Look!"

She put her arm under his shoulder and lifted him to a sitting position. In one corner of the room was a beautiful little Christmas tree. Piled high under it were the gifts he and Jean had wrapped for little Pete. Jean went over and brought back two of the packages. One was her present to him—a watch he had wanted. The other package . . . Suddenly, he recognized it—the pearls!

"Yes," Jean said, "my pearls. When the police caught the thief, he hadn't time to open them even."



Season's Greetings

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The Answers . . .

1. Generally, between the Dardanelles and the Persian Gulf.
2. Spain and Portugal.
3. November 17, 1800.
4. May 8, 1945, and Sept. 2, 1945, respectively.
5. Approximately 3,000,000.
6. By total assets, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.
7. General Motors Corporation.
8. Approximately 350,000,000.

9. Walter P. Reuther.
10. Approximately 15,000,000.

Dr. Arthur Judson Brown, 96, former Presbyterian foreign missionary: "We know the United Nations has defects, but it is the best available means to achieve peace now."

New "clear vision" lense aid to partly blind.

EMPLOYMENT

Employment throughout the United States is at peak levels, with only two persons out of every 100 employables out of work, according to a New York Times survey. Economists were reported finding it necessary to revise their traditional concepts.

PAY-CUT

Owing to living-cost declines, registered in August and September, the cost-of-living clause in the union contract of about 1,000,000 workers in the automobile and aircraft industries will call for a wage decrease of one cent an hour, effective December 1st.

IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS

This country's immigration restrictions are causing resentment among the allies of the United States and weaken neighbors who should be strong, according to Dean Acheson, Secretary of State.

PRICE CONTROLS

All price controls on clothing were lifted as of December 1st. However, former Price Stabilizer Tighe Woods urged the continuation of price and wage controls when the present law expires.

THE SOUTH

Industrial expansion in the South has been stimulated by the establishment of 103 new laboratories of major research additions to plants there in the past year, according to a recent industrial report.

A SECRETARY-GENERAL?

President-elect Eisenhower has been reported to be working on a plan to reorganize the Executive office and put all units under the unified supervision of a sort of Secretary-General.

Since 1878, U. S. population has increased each year.

Record crowd is expected at Eisenhower inauguration.

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Yuletide Greetings

In spirit of the herald angels who caroled "Glory to the New Born King," we extend our sincerest Christmas wishes to you and those you hold dearest.

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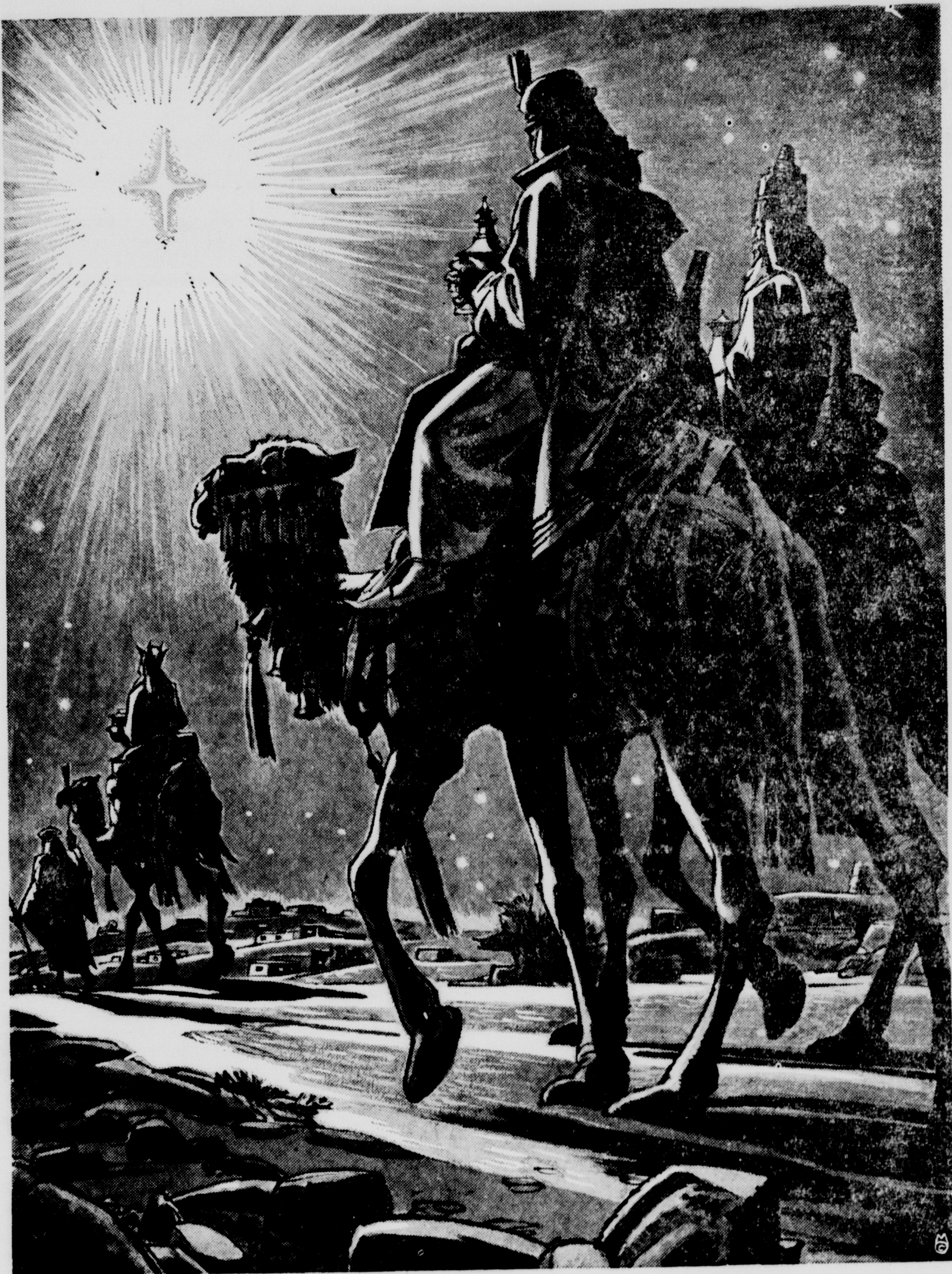


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Christmas

More than two thousand years ago, three Wise Men followed the Star of Bethlehem to a manger . . . the humble birthplace of Him who was to bring a new spirit into the World . . . the spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." Today, as in all the years between, that spirit lives on in the hearts and minds of all mankind . . . calling us to church on this, our Saviour's natal day . . . to lift our voices in those beloved old Christmas hymns and carols . . . and lift our hearts anew with the courage and hope of His message.

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"Look Who's Laughing"
will be shown at a
later date.

SUNDAY—MONDAY

ROD CAMERON
RUTH HUSSEY
IN

"Woman of the
North Country"
IN COLOR

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY

"I DREAM OF
JEANIE"

Musical in Color

NEXT THURSDAY-FRIDAY

ALAN LADD

in

"THUNDER IN THE EAST"

Allan Nevins, Professor of His-
tory, Columbia University: "Our
task in the next four years is that
of preserving freedom at home and
extending freedom abroad."

Dr. E. R. Adrian, Trinity College,
Dublin: "Human beings can smell
just as acutely as bloodhounds."



Christmas

Christmas is more than "Santa and a
tree" . . . to all it brings a message of
peace and good will . . . and it is in
this spirit that we extend our sincere
greetings to you and your family.

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Five Generations of Boyack Family



Pictured above are five generations of the Boyack family. Mrs. James E. Boyack of Span-
ish Fork, Utah, who is 80 years old, is shown with her son-in-law, H. B. Hayes, 62, of West
Los Angeles, Calif. He is standing beside his daughter, Mrs. Don S. Cloward of Canyon,
35 years old, standing behind her daughter, Mrs. Lee Moulton of Canyon, 18, holding her
son, Cody Lin, 3 months old. Mr. and Mrs. Cloward moved to Canyon last summer and
are owners of Don's Cafe.

This picture was made in Span-
ish Fork when Mrs. Cloward and
Mrs. Moulton were joined by Mr.
Hayes at the Second Ward Mormon
Church where young Cody Lin was
blessed. Young Lin's great grand-
father named him in the same
church 18 years to the day later
than his mother's great-grandfather
had named her, November 5, 1934.

Mrs. Boyack, who is of direct
Welsh descent, was born and raised
in Utah. Her husband had pursued
farming during his lifetime and
she lives today on the farm to
which she was taken as a bride.

Mrs. Cloward with her family
live in Canyon in the home which
old-timers know as the L. T. Allen
place.

Mr. Hayes is a retired railroad
conductor from the Union Pacific
Railroad. He had worked out of
Ogden, Utah, all his years of ser-
vice with that company until his
retirement in 1948 when he moved
to Los Angeles where he maintains
his home.

TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB HAS
PARTY AT REYNOLDS RANCH

Members of the Town and
Country Club met in the lovely ranch
home of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Reynolds
last week for their Christmas party.
Husbands of the members were
special guests at the delicious tur-
key dinner served with all the
traditional trimmings.

"42" was the diversion of the
evening. Mrs. Albert Byars, out-
going president, was presented a
gift.

The next meeting of the group
will be January 8 with Mrs. Emil
Olson.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs.
Arthur Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob
Gatten, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cost-
ley, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Campbell,
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foster, Mr. and
Mrs. Harley Burrus, Mr. and Mrs.
John Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Albert
Byars, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lair,
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Olson, and the
McReynolds.

CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD IN
CLARENCE MAYNARD HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Maynard
entertained a large group at their
home Saturday evening. Decora-
tions were in keeping with the
Christmas season. A beautiful tree
was the center of attraction. The
group played games, sang carols,
and Santa Claus distributed the
gifts to the recipients.

SEND GREETINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil M. Gore,
ex-students of West Texas State
College, send greetings to the per-
sonnel of The Canyon News and
its readers — Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year. The lady con-
gratulates Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips
whose "Sand Tart" recipe was a
winner in a recent contest in
Virginia, sponsored by the Uni-
tarian Church. The Gores live at
1530 Oxford Road, Charlottesville,
Va.

TO BE REFILLED

"Well, I do say," said the dear
little lady upon tasting her first
glass of beer. "It tastes like the
medicine my husband has been
taking for the last 30 years."

GUY GOAD

Gal: "Sometimes my father takes
things apart just to see why they
don't go."
Guy: "So what?"
Gal: "So why don't you go."

WE'VE NOTICED IT

"Time," remarks a scientist,
"flows both ways." Just like tooth-
paste, after a woman has used the
tube once.

Latest Rumors
From Political
Front of Nation

A plot by Czech Communists to
assassinate Konrad Adenauer,
Chancellor of Germany, was nipped
in the bud recently. Communist
leaders in satellite countries of
Eastern Europe are more and more
disturbed by the success of Ade-
nauer in leading Germany along an
anti-Communist path.

Senator Robert Taft is assuring
friends of Dwight Eisenhower that
he will work in co-operation with
the White House when he takes
over as leader of the Senate. Taft
explains that he has no real quarrel
with the President-elect and wishes
to work to make the Republican
Administration a success.

It was from among the senatorial
friends of Eisenhower, not from
the Taft wing of the party, that
warnings came to Ike to do more
clearing of appointments with Re-
publican Senators. These Senators
felt that Thomas Dewey and his
friends were using too free a
hand in picking people for big
jobs.

Ike is going very slowly in ex-
tending favors or offering jobs to
his long-time friends in the mili-
tary service. There is a definite
intent to avoid any appearance of
Government-by-crony in the new
Administration.

When Gen. James A. Van Fleet
does retire as commander of Uni-
ted Nations forces in Korea, he will
be succeeded by Gen. Alfred Gruen-
ther, now chief of staff to Gen.
Matthew Ridgway in Europe. Gen-
eral Gruenther will get this ex-
perience in field command before
going on to represent the Army as
Chief of Staff and member of the
Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Admiral William Fechteler, Chief
of Naval Operations, is slated to
move up to chairmanship of the
Joint Chiefs of Staff when Gen.
Omar Bradley decides to retire.
General Bradley can keep his pre-
sent post if he wishes, but his term
ends next summer.

Admiral Arthur Radford, Navy
commander in the Pacific and a
new favorite of Eisenhower's, is
likely to be tapped for Chief of
Naval Operations if Admiral Fech-
teler becomes Chairman of the
Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The island of Guam, now under
rule of the Department of the In-
terior, is going to be shifted back
to Navy control in the Eisenhower
Administration.

to bring cases against Russia that
can make clear to the world, as
they are being tried, the truth
about Communist aggression. For
years, American diplomats have
sat back while Russians sold all
over the world a story of hate
against America.

The "line" of the Eisenhower
Administration will be to stress
preparation for "peace," not for
"war." The time when only the
Russians can wage war in the name
of peace is nearing an end.

Some top investigators in Con-
gress are agog at the prospect of
getting their hands on a wealth of
FBI and other information denied
them under the retiring Adminis-
tration. New cases involving Com-
munist influence may begin to
break during 1953 as the Repub-
licans get access to now-secret
files. There still is some appre-
hension lest a good many files be
destroyed before January 20.

It is being made clear by General
Eisenhower that deals in which
the favors of the Federal Govern-
ment are sold for political support
will not be approved by the new
Administration. Reports that John
L. Lewis got a White House prom-
ise that coal miners could have a
\$1.90-a-day raise in exchange for
an effort by Lewis to carry West
Virginia and Pennsylvania for the
Democrats are back of the Eisen-
hower warning.

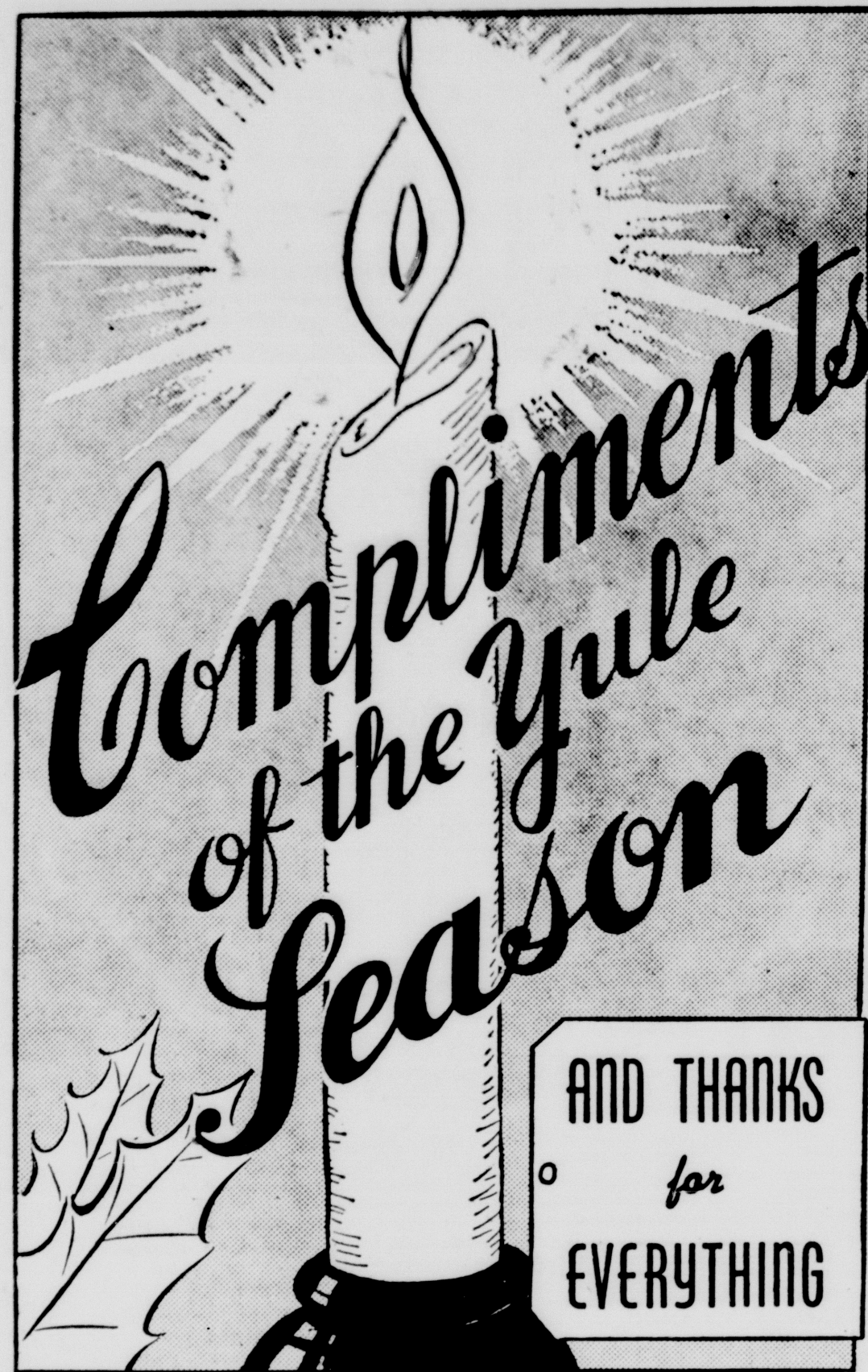
A grapevine report that Senator
Harry Byrd is to require that ex-
ecutive agencies justify 120 billion
dollars in unspent funds and au-
thority to obligate funds has the
country's top generals and admirals
in a dither. Argument is that any
move of this kind would bring the
arms program to a halt while Con-
gress made up its mind again on
spending projects.

RADIO APPEAL HELPS

Olney, Mo. — When a national
radio program heard of the plight
of Miss Atha Graffort, 74-year-old
foster-mother, who has seven chil-
dren living with her and an income
of only \$200 a month, listeners
were asked to send her one can
of food. Result: The mail poured
in. An electric freezer, refrigerator
and range arrived from the
radio program and well-wishers
contributed hundreds of dollars —
as much as \$591 in a single day.
Miss Graffort, through the years,
has been foster mother to 94 chil-
dren.

THEY'RE LEARNING

A school for brides is being op-
erated in New York. Many a young
married woman over there hardly
knows how to set about her first
divorce.



THE BUFFALO FOOD STORE

PHONES 1 & 2

OFF THE BEAT

Judge: "What's the charge
against this man, officer?"
Officer: "Vagrancy, your honor.
He was loafing around a street
corner all the afternoon."
Judge: "Ah, impersonating an
officer; 30 days in jail."

MAY

Long ago the doctors abandoned
the idea that bleeding the patient
would cure all his ailments, and
sooner or later the same light may
dawn on the tax-levying agencies.

BAPTISTS INVOLVED

Milan, Tenn. — Harry Martin,
Baptist deacon, found a car block-
ing his exit. The violator was Bob
Cox, also a Baptist deacon. Cox
was fined by City Judge Floyd
Burrow, chairman of the Board of
Deacons. They were all members
of the First Baptist Church.

Sir Oliver Franks, retiring Brit-
ish Ambassador to this country:
"Americans are warmhearted,
friendly people who in their lives
exemplify the word "neighborly."

Christmas

Why is everybody so happy
at Christmas? Isn't the ans-
wer to be found in that First
Christmas when the spirit of
sharing came into the
world?

Isn't this where true happi-
ness abides . . . in making
others happy? And wouldn't
this world be a wonderful
place if we could all live by
this Christmas spirit the
year 'round. Let's try it
and see!

GEORGE SMALL

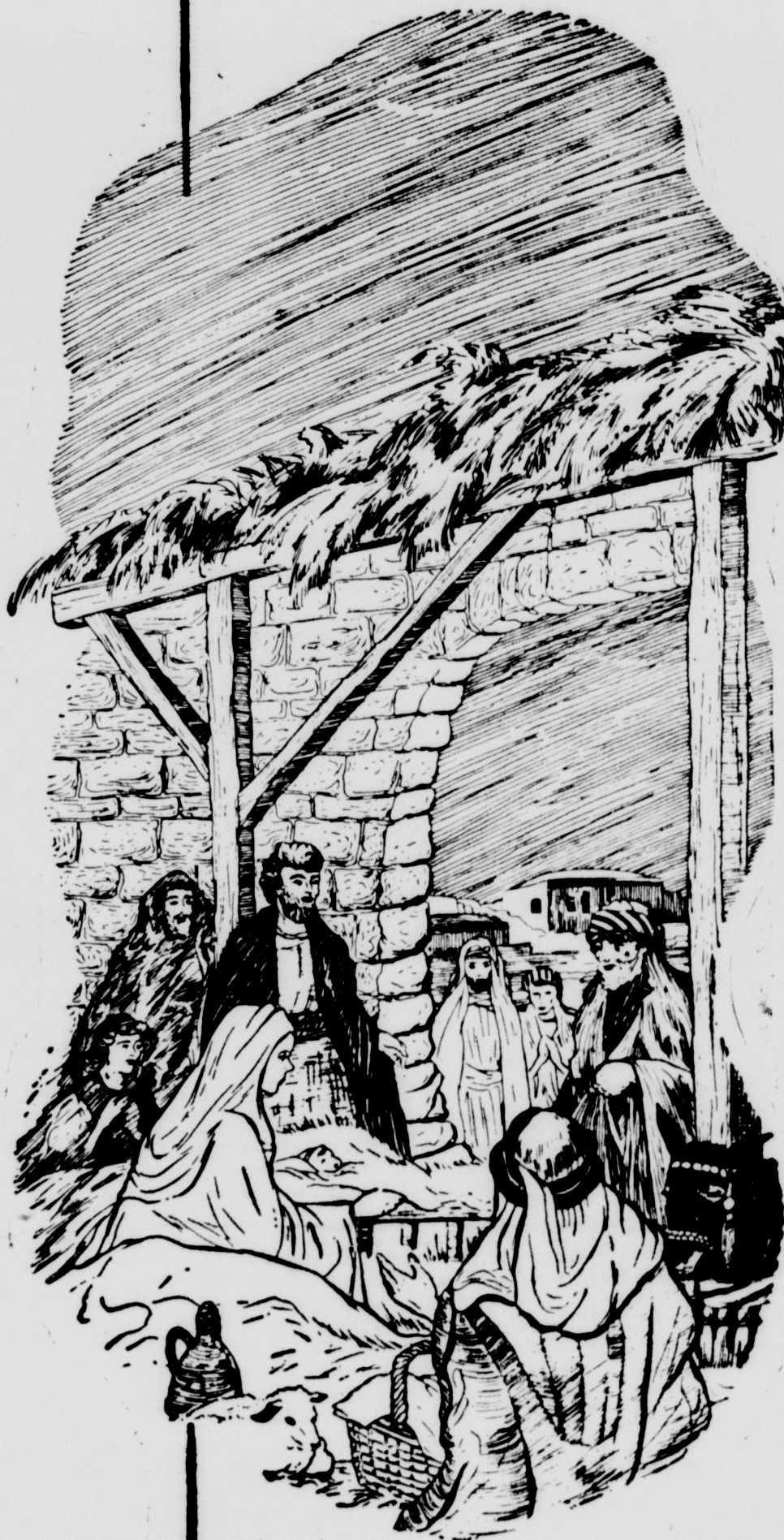
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY

the visit of the shepherds....

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.



the visit of the wise men...

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.



the birth of Jesus

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David; which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.



the flight into Egypt.....

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose,

he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt, have I called my son.





Our hope for your
peace and happiness
goes out to every
one of you.



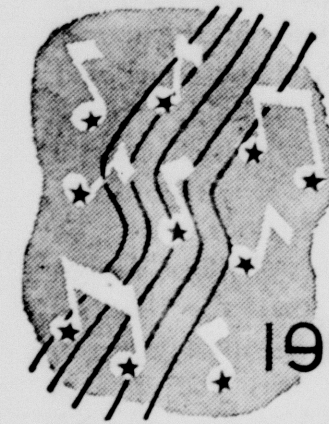
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true joy of
Christmas time.

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A. B. HOLT, Owner

Library Acquires 200 New Books; Now Listed Ready For Circulation

Almost 200 new books are now ready for circulation in the library, according to the staff-published "Book News," which announces accession of volumes according to different departments and categories.

The art department has acquired several books, among them four devoted to weaving. These include Coates' "Weaving for Amateurs," "The Joy of Hand Weaving" by Gallinger, "Adventures in Weaving" by Greer, and "Simple Tartan Weaving" by Macdonald.

Gilmore's "Dairy Cattle Breeding" and Hannah's "Law on the Farm" have been acquired for the

department of agriculture, and the biology department lists "Applied Medical Bacteriology" and "Poisonous Plants of the United States."

Among books for business administration use are Bower's "How to Write for Pleasure and Profit," "Finding Yourself in Your Work" by Hepner, and Wheeler's "Tested Sentences That Sell."

Reading

Several books on reading are among the many listed for the department of education. These include "Foundation of Reading Instruction" by Betts, "Teaching the Child to Read" by Bond, and "The Teaching of Reading in the Elementary School" by McKee.

Some noteworthy biographies are listed for the English department, these including Anderson's "Mary of Scotland," Berryman's "Stephen Crane," Chase's "Herman Melville, a Critical Study," and Furnas' "Voyage to Windward; the life of Robert Louis Stevenson."

Others

Other new books have been acquired for government and economics, history, journalism, home economics, industrial arts, mathematics, music, physics, physical education, speech, and sociology, and reference at the library.

New books for the browsing room include Marquand's "Melville Goodwin, USA," Ryan's "Mother of the Groom," Remarque's new "Spark of Life," and Gilbreth's "I'm a Lucky Guy."

British shipyards get orders for four liners.

An Era Closes As Partners of 22 Years Part

An era representing almost a quarter of a century closed recently when G. B. Heath and W. H. Harden dissolved partnership in the insurance and real estate business. The two men had been partners for 22 years.

"It was a harmonious 22 years of partnership," Mr. Harden points out. He explained that the reason Mr. Heath decided to go into another business was the opportunity it afforded of working more in the open. "The relationship was pleasant and the parting was a friendly one," Harden said.

Just Went to Work

The business had its beginning back in the depression days of 1930. The two men started from the bottom and worked the business up to the successful stage it enjoys today. Harden said when they began they had offices where the Jarrett Clinic is located at present. They merely signed a contract and went to work. He recalls that their names were the finest security they had.

When all businesses began picking up, just prior to World War II, the two partners also made successful strides with their insurance and real estate venture. They bought a lot but building materials were restricted and you couldn't get what was needed for a business building. They got their building erected on their lot as quickly as possible after the restriction on building materials was eased up.

Early Struggle

Mr. Harden smiles as he recalls those early days of struggle. He reared five children and put them through school, with some help from them, and what he made out of the business. He recalls that during those depression days the insurance office could be closed up for a week or ten days at a time. You could take a vacation or go fishing, if you had the money. Now business is so heavy that it would be impossible to close the office even for a couple of days.

One of the things Mr. Harden would like for everyone to know is that business at the insurance and real estate agency will continue as usual. Another factor equally as important is that the two partners were extremely cheerful and the best of friends at the parting. It was the desire of Mr. Heath to change jobs and get a little different kind of work that caused him to sell his interest in the business to Harden.

STERNENBI LUMBER COMPANY

NOT FROM THE SOUND

Margery — What makes baby cry so, mamma?
Mother — He's getting his teeth, dear.

Margery — Well, doesn't he want to have 'em?

ABOUT TO BEGIN

First Squabber — Say! I'll tell you something right now—
Second Ditto — Good! You have not told me anything right yet.

Mrs. Anna (Grandma) Moses, who began her career at 78 and is painting extensively at 91: "Anyone can paint if they want—all they need is to begin painting."

Franklin Vet Needs - Canyon Drug

TRAVELER

A 68 Tennessee farmer has journeyed to Knoxville, 41 miles away for the first time in his life. It must be the gypsy in him.

WHAT?

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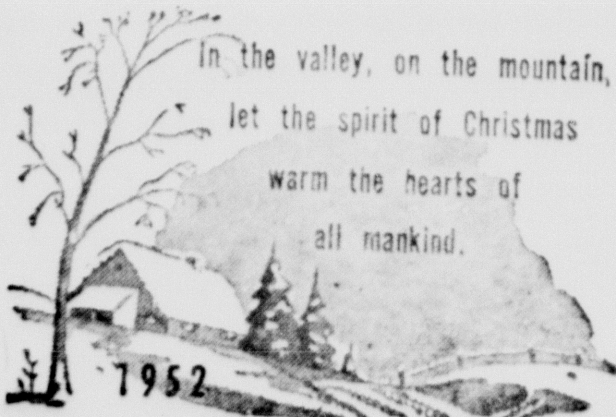
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ADORATION OF THE MAGI . . . This Nativity scene was painted by Benvenuto di Giovanni (1436-1518) of Siena, Italy, and hangs in the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. It is one of many famous "adoration" scenes painted by artists of all nationalities.



Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! The spirit conveyed by these words is the same in all countries, but the words themselves sometimes fall harshly on American ears. "Merry Christmas" in French has a soft and musical sound. It is "Joyeux Noel."

In Spain the greeting is "Feliz Pascuas," and in Italy, "Buon Natale." For Sweden it is "God Jul" and Norway, "Gladig Jul."

In Germany and Holland the greeting is a tongue-twister that will stump the average American. The Germans say "Fröhliche Weihnachten" and the Dutch, "Plezierig Kerstfeest."

But whatever the language, the spirit behind this greeting is the same wherever there are men of goodwill.

XXXMAS KISSES

Mistletoe Bestows Good Fortune

VERY few people don't know what a sprig of mistletoe means at Christmas time—especially when there's a pretty girl standing beneath it! But few people realize that this very pleasant custom has its root in age-old superstitions.

The lore of primitive days contains many references to mistletoe. According to an ancient Norse legend, the sun god was slain by an arrow fashioned from the mistletoe plant. He was resurrected by his mother's tears, which falling upon the plant, were crystallized into pearly berries. Because of this magical healing, it was ordained that mistletoe should grow neither on heaven nor earth, but suspended between. That is the reason, runs the legend, that

mistletoe is found growing on trees.

Mistletoe was of special significance to the Druids, ancient pagan priests of England, who cut it off trees with a golden knife used only for that purpose. They believed it possessed wonderful powers of healing and acted as a protection from witchcraft. During the December religious rites, it was bestowed upon individuals as a special mark of honor.

Because of its supposed salutary properties, mistletoe was often hung over the doors of primitive houses as a sign of good-will. Belief in magic has disappeared, but this custom still remains. And a kiss under the mistletoe still has beneficent effects. Try it and see for yourself!



TIME FOR CAROLS . . . Men, women and children from Protestant churches blend their voices in carol singing before the blazing Yule log. This Christmas Eve custom is becoming increasingly popular throughout the country.

Allegorical Parades Mark Mexican Yule

THE people in Mexico build elaborate floats for allegorical parades during the holiday season.

For eight evenings before Christmas there is a religious procession at the head of which the figures of Joseph and Mary are borne.

On the ninth evening entrance is permitted and a religious ceremony conducted about the straw-filled manger of the Babe.

True Christmas Spirit Is Found in Sharing

FOR a really satisfying and meaningful Christmas, share yours with the old and feeble, the ill and shut-in, the bereaved whose sorrows you might lighten.

Unfortunately, all the flurry and preparation associated with Christmas are apt to make parents as well as children overlook the real significance of the coming birthday of Christ.

RELIGION SAFEST POSSIBLE INVESTMENT . . . Says Banker

ON A COLD REALISTIC BASIS RELIGION IS LIFE'S BEST INVESTMENT FOR HAPPINESS, PEACE AND THE FEELING OF SECURITY. I'VE SEEN IT WORK AND FEEL THAT I KNOW.



For I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

2 Tim. 1-12

W.P. Pamson

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our hope, this year as always, is for lasting Peace on Earth for everyone.

We wish that they may share fully in it.

HART'S APPLIANCE

MEDDLING PREACHER

While the preacher berated all kinds of sin, Aunt Lucy punctuated his sermon frequently with, "Amen... praise d' Lawd." She echoed his disapproval of lying, card playing, dice, and drinking.

When the preacher turned his denunciation upon petty gossip, Aunt Lucy eased back into the pew and muttered: "Now he's done quit preachin' and started to meddlin'."

VA HOSPITALS

The Veterans Administration estimates that, by 1975, it will need 265,980 hospital beds, compared with a present program of 131,000. The VA estimates that its medical program, which now costs in excess of 600 million dollars a year, will probably cost in excess of \$1,250,000,000 annually in 1975.

FIRST AID

First Neighbor: "How did that naughty little boy of yours get hurt?"

Second Ditto: "That good little boy of yours hit him with a brick."

Live with men as if God saw you; converse with God as if men heard you. —Seneca.

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Rabaul Decided To Rebuild Despite Volcanic Danger

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Australian government, undeterred by volcanic danger or World War II bombings, has decided to rebuild the town and port of Rabaul on New Britain Island in the Bismark Archipelago.

Rabaul lies on Simpson harbor, often described as one of the most beautiful in the world. It is at the extreme northeastern tip of New Britain Island, a mountain-spined crescent about 300 miles long and 50 miles wide, northeast of New Guinea.

The splendor of Simpson harbor, enhanced by five active volcanoes towering above its shores, and one in the harbor itself.

Volcanic Frosting
It was the danger of volcanic eruption, similar to an explosion in 1937 that covered Rabaul with a frosting of volcanic ash and resulted in considerable loss of life, that caused the Australian government to hesitate before rebuilding the chief city of the UN-mandated island.

But Australian officials are now convinced that volcanologists can predict serious eruptions. The government has announced a contribution of nearly \$45,000 for construction of permanent escape routes to enable residents to flee potential explosions.

Presumably the eruptions can be foretold by the vigor and length of the "gurias" that usually precede them. "Guria" is a local name for recurrent violent, rolling earthquakes that shake dishes and sometimes knock down buildings. As a rule, residents takeurias in their stride.

Most Bombed Spot
Earthquakes and volcanoes, however, had little to do with the destruction of the beautiful pre-war town of Rabaul, with its pleasant homes and stately tropical trees. Bombs did the damage.

The Japanese seized New Britain early in 1942 and took Rabaul after overwhelming the gallant defense put up by the local militia. They proceeded to make it a powerful base, bringing in some 100,000 troops and building three airstrips to augment the two already in existence.

The Allies decided that an assault on Rabaul would be immensely costly. Bombing was ordered, and the orders were so well carried out by U.S. Australian.

and New Zealand pilots that the town became known as "the most bombed spot in the Pacific." One observer said that Rabaul was not only damaged; it was erased.

The city was partially rebuilt after the war. Makeshift shacks of scrap wood and corrugated iron replaced comfortable houses, fine clubs, and pleasant hotels. The harbor had been completely bombed out, and one of the initial reconstruction grants from Australia was \$223,000 for a new wharf.

Today, every effort is being made to restore Rabaul so that it can be known again as "the loveliest town in the Pacific."

Clyde Estuary Beauty Is Tourist Attraction

GLASGOW, Scotland—The Clyde estuary is one of Scotland's show places. Historic castles and towers—vast ship building and engineering works—little towns nestling along the shores—green isles—majestic mountains—bold headlands—rugged cliffs and fair green slopes all combine to form a scene that is difficult to equal anywhere else.

Famous resort towns such as Gourock, Wemyss Bay, Skelmorlie, Helensburgh, Creigendoran, Dunoon and Rothesay offer many attractions for vacationers.

The breath taking view of the Kyles of Bute, and the delightful Island of Arran dominated by 2,866 ft. Goatfell, Arran's highest peak also form a part of the picture.

Then too, there are exciting tours by steamers of famous Loch Lomond, Loch Long, Loch Goil and Loch Eil, all part of the Firth of Clyde country.

Don't forget the Ayrshire coast and nearby Ayr, birthplace of Scotland's national poet, well beloved "Robbie Burns," and too, Millport and Campbeltown, other popular spots along the coast.

Limbless Korean Vet Is a Father Suddenly

JOLIET, Ill. — Hubert Reeves who lost all four limbs in the Korean War, became a father recently — two months ahead of schedule.

His wife, Beverly, gave birth to a daughter prematurely at Silver Cross Hospital. The baby, who wasn't expected, was placed in an incubator. Doctors said she was in good condition.

Reeves was at Hines General Hospital awaiting operations to fit him with artificial limbs at the time of the birth.

The baby was named Deborah Jean. She weighed 3 pounds 6 ounces at birth.

Trombone Paris

By Shirley Sargent

STEVE BOLLED from the bed where Marge slept and started toward the living room. The glow of Christmas tree lights betrayed the children. Young Stevie—there was a boy for you—had one hand in his stocking. Julie was whispering, "Go on, see what's in it." Only Doris, the tall, older one, was quite still.

Paris turned just as Steve said "Merry Christmas," sarcastically.

Young Stevie, with the engaging grin, whipped around, "Hi, daddy. Can we open our presents? It's almost daylight."

"Daylight, my foot—it's barely two."

"But Santa Claus has already been here."

"Bed," Steve commanded. Steve and Julie hugged him, leaving without argument, but there was defiance plain on Paris's face.

"Under the tree, dad, I don't see anything long and sort of curved."

That Paris, an odd one. An eleven-year-old kid wanting a trombone. It beat Steve. "I don't either," he agreed, meeting his son's eyes. "Look, you're too old to believe in Santa Claus, and too young to realize how expensive a trombone is."

Paris looked down at the mounds of gaily wrapped packages. "Okay," he said in a flat, old-sounding voice "so I get a couple of new shirts and Stevie gets..."

"Stevie gets what?"

Paris ground his bare foot into the rug. "Nothin'. I was just talking."

"Good night, son," Steve watched Paris out of the room before he unplugged the tree lights and sank into a worn armchair.

Paris was right. Stevie had everything he'd asked for piled under the tree. Even an electric train. Cost a lot to keep a kid happy these days, but a trombone... Like the one out in the trunk of the car that was going back to the store first thing Wednesday morning. A man made only so much working in a laundry, trying to save enough to buy a half interest, so Marge went ahead and bought a Trombone without a by-your-leave.

First Paris had to have lessons,

then a rented horn to practice on. Now he wanted one of his own. Paris, a funny kid. Never listening to the football games like Julie and even Stevie did. Always wandering off for hikes and bringing home strange, ragamuffin kids. Happy when he could tinker with all radios, happier yet when he could listen to highbrow music. That stuff, Steve didn't understand him and that was a fact. From



"Look, you're too old to believe in Santa Claus."

a distance he heard the voices of carolers and, upstairs, the wavering notes of the rented trombone. That Paris!

EVEN AS STEVE swung up the stairs, to the attic, he heard the sureness in the music. At first Paris had practiced in the attic by request, but Steve had to hand it to him. He had worked hard; two-three hours a day until he could really play. Looking in on him now, Steve saw that the rented instrument gleamed.

"You love to play, don't you?" Steve asked.

A smile the like of which Steve had never seen before crossed his son's face. Then, shyly, "Mr. Baxter wants me to play in the school band."

It was hard to keep his pride from showing, but Steve only said heartily, "That's fine, Paris," before sending him back to bed.

Steve went downstairs, searching under the tree until he found young Stevie's electric train. The box was heavy in his hands as he considered. Toys didn't matter too much to Stevie—he liked active things, in which a father could share.

When Steve came back in from the car, he felt like Santa Claus as he put the shiny leather case that was long and sort of curved under the tree. A trombone for Paris.

QUADS HOME FROM KOREA

Korea — The 28-year-old Perri-corne quadruplets — Anthony, Bernard, Carl and Donald — of Beaumont, Texas, have left Korea en route home and to civilian life — still together as they have been for nearly two years in the Army. The quadruplets were drafted in January, 1951, took basic training at Camp Polk, La., then moved to Fort Benning, G. When Carl was informed that all sergeants without overseas experience must take duty abroad, the other three brothers decided to go along with Carl to Korea. They arrived in May.

AD CURB

Four big manufacturers of laundry detergents — the makers of Fab, Tide, and Cheer, Surf and Hum — have agreed to discontinue certain advertising claims as to the cleansing properties of their products, according to the Federal Trade Commission. The concerns agreed to stop claiming that their products will (a) wash clothes as clean without rinsing as with rinsing or (b) without rinsing, wash clothes cleaner than or as clean as soap with rinsing.

SMART BABY

Albany, N. Y. — Mrs. Edgar McCombe slammed the kitchen door accidentally when she went out to put out the cat. Her 14-month-old daughter, Linda Diane, who was playing on the kitchen floor, followed her mother's instructions to drag a stool to the door and turn the knob that unlocked the door and let her mother back in.

\$500,000 FOR LEG

Chicago, Ill. — Charging that when he went to a hospital to have a gangrenous leg amputated, surgeons removed the wrong limb, Gust Tews has filed suit for \$500,000 damages against the Evangelical Hospital Association. His wife, Olga, 58, asked \$150,000 damages in a separate suit.

SHARES NEW CAR WITH THIEF

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Harry Levine bought a new car and two days later it was stolen from in front of his home. Recovered several days later, it disappeared again. Levine says if he gets it back this time, he's going to keep it in a garage — under lock.

HIS INSPIRATION

"What made you a millionaire?" "Curiosity had a lot to do with it. I wanted to see if there was any income my wife couldn't live beyond."

DIFFERENT REACTIONS

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The Other — A little? It makes me feel like a lot, I eat like a horse when I'm in the country.

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Christmas Greetings

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COLE & DAVIS

EMERGENCY FUND

Mother — Robert is complaining that since he got a car you have been holding back some of his allowance. Is that true?

Father — Yes, I am keeping back part of it to pay his fines.

Robert A. Taft, U. S. Senator from Ohio: "I am for less (foreign) aid."

HOUSING

It now appears certain that 1952 will see the starting of the second largest number of housing units in the history of this country. Through October, "Starts" on non-farm residential units ran about 15,000 ahead of the first ten months of 1951.

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Merry Christmas

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1952

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Friday Greetings

1952

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There is an old Norwegian Proverb that says—

"On the road between the home of friends grass does not grow."

In that beautiful thought there is a true expression of our feeling toward you and all our customers. We like to feel that our customers are our friends—and that a friendly feeling enters into all our dealings with you.

So today we are writing this letter to wish you a very Merry Christmas and to express our true appreciation of the favors you have shown us. If it were not for folks like you, there would be no firm like ours—and we are sincerely grateful for your patronage.

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and in the hearts of
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is born a Saviour.
His blessing upon
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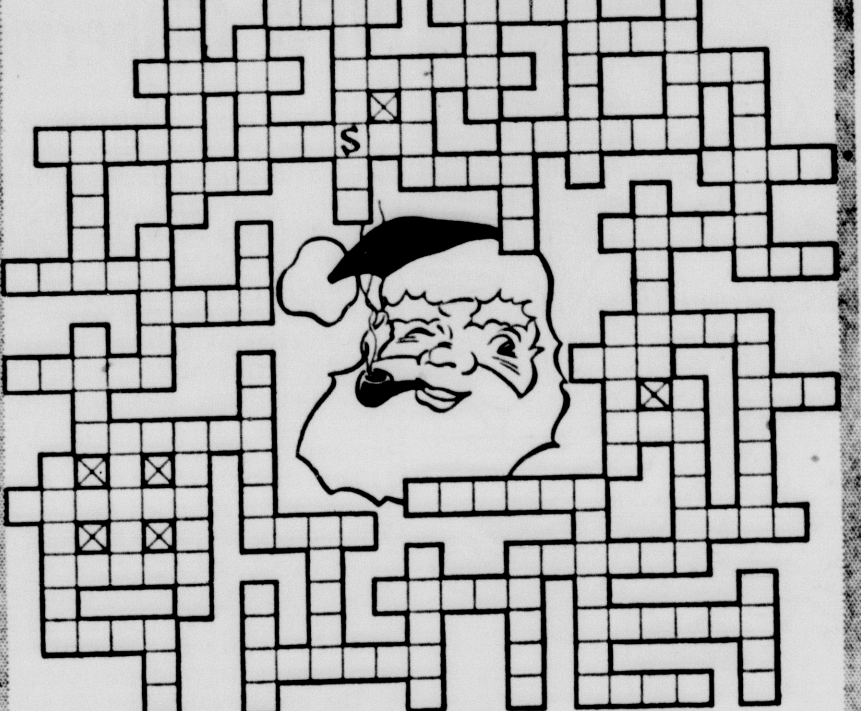
To our many friends



The spirit of the season strengthens our bonds of mutual friendship

SAMMIE'S BEAU SHOP

Christmas criss-cross



Here is a Christmas puzzle that will be fun for all the family to work. It is simple. Fill the words into the right spaces. One letter "X" is given as a starting point. The completed puzzle is at the lower right. Don't peek!

ALL	LOVE	CHILD	SPILL	INFANT
DOM	NOEL	COMET	TRAIN	MANAGER
EYE	MOUSE	CUPID	SEASON	VISIT
FUN	RAFT	GLOST	SILENT	WITHE
GAY	RING	MOTEL	ANGEL	SLEIGH
HIN	ROOF	LIGHT	TINSEL	WREATH
RAP	SLID	MYSTERY	CANDLES	CHIMNEY
RUN	SNOW	NIGHT	CAROLS	HOLIDAY
AWAY	WEAP	PEACE	DANCER	PRAYERS
DOLL	TULE	BEACH	FRANCIS	TIDINGS
EACH	GOLD	SANTA	FLOCKS	
GOLD	CANDY	SHEEP	GOSPEL	
HALL	CHEER			

Answer

PICTURE-TAKER FALLS
Sanford, Fla. While taking pictures of a navy plane, from another plane, Charles E. Rinehart, public relations man, fell out of the plane. His parachute opened and he landed in waist deep water in Lake Jessup. A fisherman carried him ashore.

WATERED DOWN
Marilyn: "Why are you wearing your socks inside out?"
Wayne: "My feet were hot, and mother told me to turn the hose on them."

The Franklin Roosevelt, Jr., or New Deal, wing of the Democratic Party has gained control of the party's machinery in the key State of New York.

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May the joy
of Christmas
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GERNER'S SERVICE STATION

The Mystery
of God's Firmament

THE "STAR" which signaled the First Christmas may be interpreted in many ways. In all such interpretations we must put ourselves as nearly as possible into the social and psychological frame of mind of those whom we try to understand. The astronomer knows that through the ages the word "star" has been used to indicate almost any celestial phenomenon. We still speak of "falling stars" or "shooting stars" which we know quite well are not stars at all. In more ancient times the comet was called a "hairy star" and was derived from the Latin word coma, meaning hair. The planets were the "wandering stars" as opposed to the "fixed stars," and from the Greek word for wanderer we derive our word "planets."

The Star of Bethlehem could have been any of these. It could even have been a "new star" or nova which suddenly burst forth with a many-thousand-fold increase in brilliance, due to some great stellar catastrophe. These are all explanations of what the "star" could have been. Had it been any of the above, it would have been seen by many peoples, and in literature would have been found references to the appearance of the object which attracted attention. But nowhere in the literature or in the folklore of any of the peoples noted as astute observers of celestial phenomena do these references exist.

From this we are forced to conclude the appearance of the star was a sight given only to the Wise Men to see.

Christmas Game

Snapdragon was a favorite Christmas game in England more than 200 years ago; it is still played in modified form in England and America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was poured over the fruit and ignited. The bystanders then endeavored to grasp a raisin, by plunging their hands through the flames. A carol, called "The Song of Snapdragon," accompanied the game.

Serving of Boar's
Head One of Old
Christmas Customs

Of the customs that grew up around the Christmas festival in Merrie England, the serving of the boar's head was one of the most stirring. It endures to this day at Queen's college, Oxford, where the 50-pound tusked head—a lemon in



its grinning jaws—is borne in on a great silver dish, escorted by trumpeters and candle bearers.

In the olden days there was an appropriate chant, half carol and half ritual, that the gentlemen used to bellow at the moment the dish troubled the board:

Then set down the swineyard,
The foe to the vineyard,
Let Bacchus crown his fall.
Let this boar's head and mustard
Stand for pig, goose and custard,
And so ye are welcome all.

God Bless Christmas

"There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say," returned the nephew. "Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; and, therefore, uncle, though it had never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I say, God bless it!"—Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol."

The Prophecy

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.



Christmas is a tree with bright lights and tinsel and the Star atop. It is a tumble of gifts, wrapped with pretty ribbon, beneath its green boughs. It is the light and faith in little children's eyes on Christmas morning. It is the choking feeling of joy in mother's heart as the packages are opened. It is the tear that wells in dad's eye and he tries to hide it with a grin. It is the remembrances of many other Christmases by grandmother and grandfather, undimmed by golden time.

It is the sermon of the Story of Bethlehem. The hymns of the choir, the candlelight service, the softness of children's voices, the peace and goodwill that can come into men's hearts.

Christmas is the big tall tree in school, the only tree some of the children can call their own. It is the striped candy cane.

It is the joyful music of chimes and church bells, the carols from the record shop, the spirit of the season that makes strangers friends.

It is the garland and the candle in the window, the cards on the mantel, the wreath on the door, the mistletoe hung for Sis. It is sincerely in a handshake, the wishes of glad tidings, the vocal meaning in the hello from neighbors.

Christmas is a light. A light that vanquishes darkness; the light of charity.



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Three Local C-C Workers Attend District Conclave

Three local men attended the District 1 meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce meeting in Pampa at the Schneider Hotel Wednesday evening, December 17. These three were the local Chamber of Commerce manager, Glenn Waggoner, the new president for 1953, E. M. (Mutt) Myers, and Delbert Lowes, local WTCC director.

The group met at 7:30 Wednesday evening for dinner and a round of discussions. The talks included the business of the past year and plans for the coming year. One of the immediate needs that was taken care of was the election of a new vice-president for the WTCC. Art Jordan of Amarillo was elected to fill this position.

Local chambers throughout the Panhandle were well represented at the meeting. Waggoner said that out of the 16 local chambers in District 1, 14 were represented at the meeting.

UNUSUAL REQUEST

To neutralize the odor of the stockyards district as the bus went by it, a lady passenger bought a bottle of lavender salts. She uncorked the bottle one block away from the district and kept it under her nose until the bus passed the section.

One morning as she rode along she glanced out the window and saw that it was time to uncork the bottle. She did so and held it to her nose. As the smell of stockyards grew stronger she held the bottle closer to her nose. When the bus reached the heart of the stockyards district a man across the aisle shouted:

"For gosh sakes, lady, close that bottle!"

NOT THAT WAY

An Irish bricklayer was on the top of the partly-built house, and shouted to the foreman that he could not find his way down to the ground.

"You fool—come down the way you went up," shouted the foreman.

"Not on yer life. I came up head first," the Irishman yelled back.

MELONS AID TWO

Toronto. — For the second time recently, Florida watermelons have been flown to Canada, to help children stricken with a kidney ailment. The first shipment was made to Carol Strong, 11, of Calgary, several weeks ago, and doctors say her condition has improved. The second lot of Florida watermelons went to Cudworth, Saskatchewan, to help 3-year-old Larry Bodnarchuk.

LOSES \$95,000

New York. — Richard J. Kehoe, 50-year-old American Express salesman, reported to police that someone had stolen a small leather bag, containing \$95,000 in negotiable American Express Company domestic money orders. Kehoe explained that he had placed the bag between his feet on a crowded subway train and, while he was reading a newspaper, someone removed the bag.

BARELY POSSIBLE

A Texas evangelist has published a list of 723 sins. We're writing for a copy of it, as it is barely possible that we may be missing something.

HARD TO PLEASE

It's hard to date women war workers. They aren't satisfied with a good time—they want time and a half.

Paul E. Fields, Air Force psychology professor: "Rats are smarter than people give them credit for being."

BEAR WINS FIGHT WITH CAR

Rocky Gap, Va. — An automobile, weighing approximately 3,000 pounds, had a collision with a 300 pound bear and emerged with \$75 worth of dents and fender wrinkles. The bear apparently was only stunned. The driver of the car, the Rev. Ross Francisco, Mt. Airy, N. C., said he attempted to avoid the bear when it lumbered out on U. S. Route 52, near Rocky Gap, but the bear collided with the car's front fenders and then, somehow, hit a back door.

A REPAYMENT?

Sydney, Australia. — A 19-year-old girl has announced that she plans to marry a man from whom she won \$12,600 damages for an automobile accident. She was a passenger in his car when it overturned. She suffered a fractured skull and a scalp wound which caused the loss of part of her left ear, leaving her with a permanent scar.

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RIGHT

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Crowd Attends VFW Gathering

Luke Miller, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 5681, said Friday morning that the women were greatly responsible for the success of the organization's Christmas party Thursday evening. Approximately 75 people were present for the party to enjoy a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. There was a Christmas tree and late in the party Santa Claus appeared to pass out candy and gifts to the kiddies.

The turkey and coffee for the dinner were supplied by the VFW. The women prepared the food. The salads, pies and other parts filling out the menu were brought by the members. It was a delicious meal and after everyone had eaten there was turkey left on the plate.

The crowd attending the annual affair was probably limited by the freezing rain which made the roads slippery and driving extremely hazardous. Those who did attend enjoyed a delightful party even though the weather outside was "frightful."

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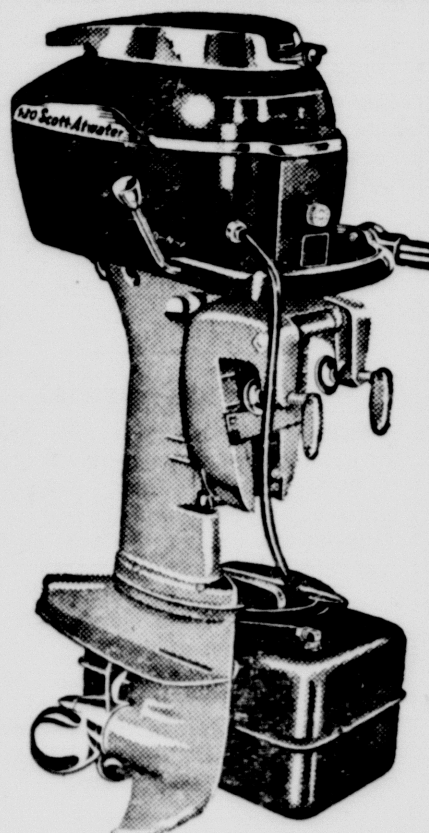
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WT Rifle Team Beaten In Close Match With Texas Tech ROTC Unit

West Texas State's ROTC rifle team was edged out in a match last Saturday afternoon against Texas Tech's more experienced battery, with point scores of 1726 to 1594.

Sgt. Clyde W. Thomas, who accompanied the seven-man team, said Thursday, however, that with more experience, and "with equal practice, we can beat those people any day."

With only three days of practice, before engaging the Tech team, the seven men trailed by only 132 points. Each man was scored individually in the indoor match, with possible individual scores of 400. The rifles were .22 caliber.

High point man for WT was Weims Norman, who scored 329. Other men firing were Albert Linger, Gerald Powell, Darrell Powell, Claude Monday, Clifford Galley, and Eddie Riley.

The WT team making the trip to Lubbock was chosen in an elimination tourney, with the seven high point men representing the team. They had fired only three practice rounds before the match.

Other matches are planned after the holidays, Sgt. Thomas said. He and Major Charles W. Allen are sponsors of the unit. Latest challenge received was from Battery A, 132nd Field Artillery, National Guard unit at Plainview.

After the match Saturday, the WT team were guests of the Tech

unit at a chicken dinner, which was attended by officers and two sergeants of the Tech ROTC unit.

Bank Will Close Thursday-Friday

Employees of the First National Bank will enjoy a two-day holiday during this Yuletide season. The announcement was made last week. The two days to be observed by the bank will be Thursday and Friday, Christmas Day and the day following.

This leaves only the remainder of today to get your banking business attended to. The next chance you will have to do business at the bank will be Saturday, Dec. 27.

TWINS' BIRTHDAYS NOT SAME

Memphis, Tenn. — Mr. and Mrs. Giles Chumney recently became the parents of twins—born on different days. The little girl arrived at 11:47 on December 1. Her brother lagged along until 12:02 the next morning.

Disregarding another bitter condemnation by Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky, the General Assembly adopted, 55 to 5, the India compromise resolution for a Korean truce.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy Birthday

December 25

Merle Dickerson
Clyde Fewell
Joe Don Ficke
Ruby Garcia
Mrs. Paul White
Emerson E. Owen
Mrs. S. R. Hood

December 26

Mary Orton
Richard Walters
Silas Hart
Betty Ann Simon Dietz
Jimmy Dale Simon
Jimmy Dale McBroom
Frank Scales
Phyllis Dugan
J. E. Keenan
Michael Joe Cullender
Mary Owens

December 27

Mrs. Bill Howse
Mrs. Marvin Fite
Raynelle Rigby Hinds
Mrs. Ben Loudder
Roy S. Franklin, Jr.

December 28

Theresa Nell Smith
Mrs. Bill Smith
Coyle F. Shenefelt
Marsene Penick Ford
Mrs. Herbert Gerdson

December 29

Mrs. J. M. Breittling
Mrs. Herschel Coffee
Frieda Menke
Thomas Boling
Mrs. Victor Steen
Elmer Gene Mickey

December 30

Joe Cook
Earl Gene Peppard
Mrs. Dale Wegrich
Neil Kilchriste
Jeanette Shelnutt

December 31

Morton Angel
Bill Knighton
A. H. Prichard
Mary Lange
Raymond La Cour
M. E. Cantrell
Billy Neal McMillan
C. E. Colling
William Eldon McCarter, Jr.
Walter Boehning
Richard A. Gray
Bobby King

Chamber Officers Give Unique Card

This year's Christmas cards from the Chamber of Commerce were a combination of greetings and a note of information about the C-C workers. The Christmas card is an attractive gray sheet of paper with the profile of a Christmas tree. The trunk of the tree and the branches represent the personnel who keep the Chamber of Commerce work in motion.

The top of the tree slot is filled by the Chamber's new president, E. M. (Mutt) Myers. The directors are perched on the branches of the tree in the form of Christmas lights or bulbs. The base or trunk is the location of Glenn Waggoner and Thelma Pruett, manager and secretary, respectively.

From the top down the left side are the names of C. R. Nester, vice-president, Charles Donnell, Emmitt Smith, and Strauss Atkinson.

On the right side is the treasurer, C. E. Thompson, and directors, Gene Davis, Ples Harper, and Jack Jennings.

Glenn Waggoner stated that it was the time of year when chamber members were complimented for their work in the past and encouraged to carry the good work forward.

HE FOUND OUT

San Francisco. — For weeks, Anthony Biada had been smelling unpleasant odors in his home. Finally he decided to investigate. He happened to light a match in his hallway—and that cleared up the mystery. A resulting explosion blew Biada halfway up a flight of stairs. Firemen said his match touched off an accumulation of sewer fumes or stove gas.

A BUSY MAN

Alfred, N. Y. — John Gorton was a busy man one night recently. As a member of the Village Board, he was attending a board meeting at the Firemen's hall. An alarm sounded, and, as assistant fire chief, he drove a pumper to the fire, saw it put out and returned to the meeting. The phone rang. As an ambulance driver, Gorton raced to an accident scene, picked up a man who suffered minor injuries and took him to a hospital. As a citizen, Gorton went home to bed.

DIES WHILE WRITING

Philadelphia, Pa. — Mrs. Frank D'Ermilio has been notified that her husband, a Marine, was killed in Korea by what his commanding officer called a "1,000,000-to-1 shot." D'Ermilio was sitting in a bunker writing home, when he was hit by a sliver from a mortar shell which passed through a tiny observation slit in the bunker.

MAY CONTEST WILL

New York. — Relatives of Roger Stewart, 69-year-old recluse, who was found dead recently in a Queens rooming house with nearly \$225,000, mostly in cash, are undecided whether they will contest Stewart's will, which bequeathed his entire fortune to St. John's University in Brooklyn.

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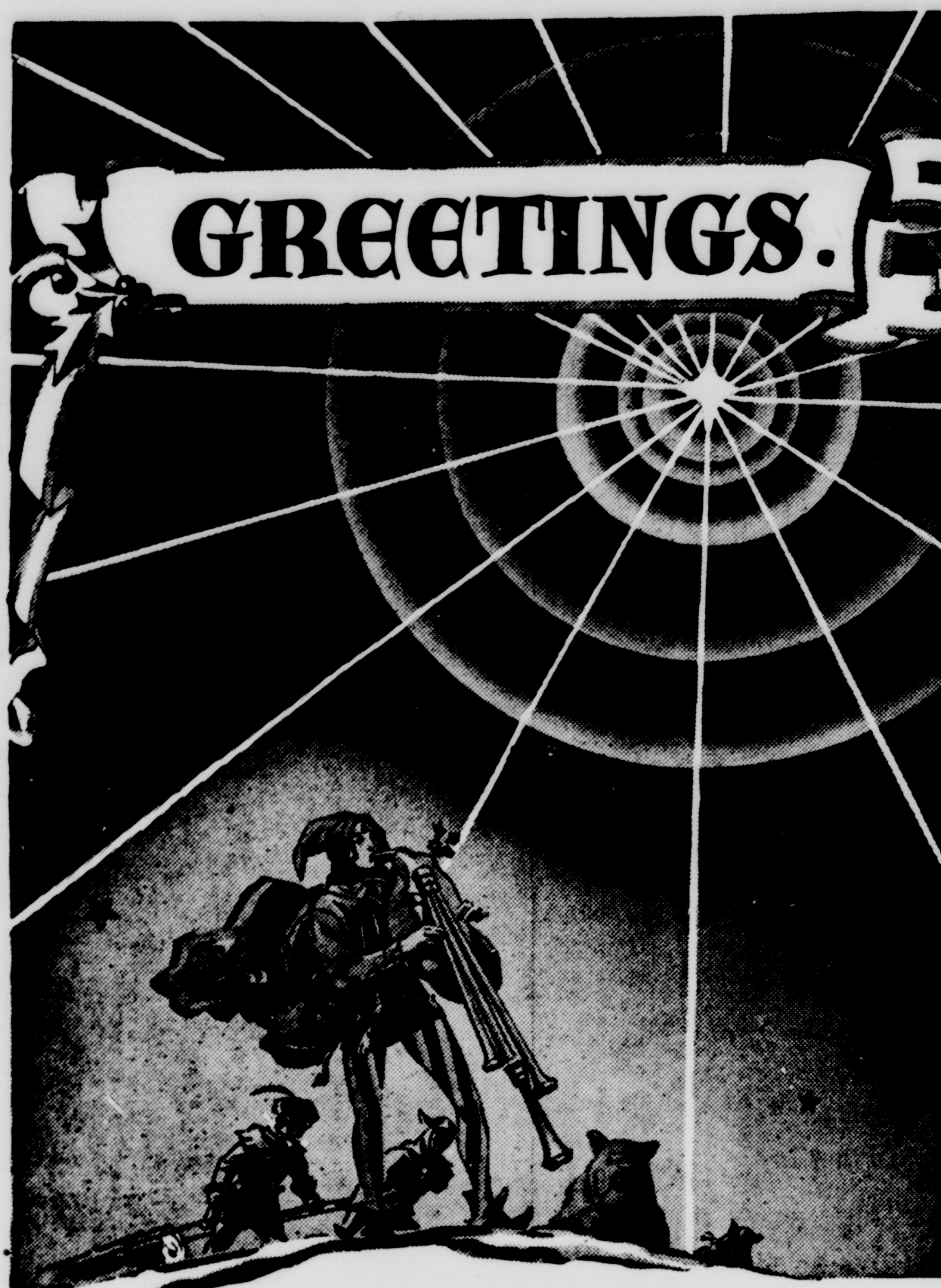
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Justice of Peace Precinct 4

From Your County Officials

Cantrell Takes Position With Casualty Firm



M. E. CANTRELL

M. E. Cantrell announced last week that he has taken a position with the Texas Employees Casualty Company and will work out of Houston. Cantrell, who has been a peace officer in Randall County for the past 18 years, said he would perform the duties of a special investigator.

Cantrell has lived in the Panhandle area since 1923 and during these 29 years has held three jobs. He has lived in Randall County since 1928 but was in the north part of the county until 1934. At that time he left his job in Amarillo to go to work with Bob Barnett, who was then sheriff of Randall County.

Cantrell was to work as tax assessor and collector but became interested in the work of a peace officer. Although he did some work in the department of tax assessor and collector, the major portion of his time was spent as a deputy sheriff.

In 1938 Cantrell defeated Sheriff Barnett and has held that position for the past 14 years. He has attended a number of schools for peace officers to better quality

himself for that job. Among the schools he attended was one conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Quantico, Virginia. The veteran peace officer will assume his new duties as special investigator for the Casualty Company January 5th. He has been making preparations for the move during the past week. Cantrell stated that he would have enjoyed staying in this area where he has made many friends but that proved impossible. The company felt that with the experience and qualifications the peace officer possessed they could use him to greater advantage in the Gulf Coast and Piny Woods area.

Servicemen Home ...

Bill McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McDonald, who is stationed at Oceanside, Calif., is at the home of his parents on a holiday leave.

RDSN Glenn Prater, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Prater, arrived at the home of his parents Saturday on a 21 day leave. Glen has been stationed in Japan for the last seven months. He will report to San Francisco for re-assignment at the end of his leave.

Troy L. Needham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thompson, stationed in San Diego, Calif., arrived at the home of his parents last week on a holiday leave.

ATTEND FUNERAL OF BROTHER
Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Donnell have returned from Wichita Falls where they attended the funeral of her brother, Joe Zihlman, on Wednesday. Mr. Zihlman had been in poor health for the past year but his serious condition was not discovered until a few weeks ago. Mrs. Reeves' mother, Mrs. Ida Zihlman, who had made her home with her son in Wichita Falls, returned to Canyon with the Donnells to make her home with them.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of saying thanks for the beautiful flowers, for food and kind words of sympathy at the time of the death of our loved one. May God bless each of you in your hour of sorrow.

Mrs. W. H. Hamblen and family

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Key and Sylvia visited in Lubbock Sunday.



Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book on complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.



FULL REHEARSAL FOR THE BIG DAY ... Robert wanted Nick, the dog, to have dinner with him at his private table, but Dad and Mom were not enthusiastic until Robert demonstrated that Nick's table manners are impeccable. He did it with a dress rehearsal, which you see here. Nick seems to be enjoying nonchalantly an after dinner cigarette.

Highland News

The revival began Sunday at the Palo Duro Baptist Church. The church is being run this week by the young people of the community. The crowds were good Sunday.

The Wildorado school had its Christmas program Friday. Visitors in the Bill Buchanan home Sunday were Mrs. J. A. McDuff, Mrs. Earl Miller, Kathryn and Alice McClain.

Sunday dinner guests in the Winston Evans home were Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Evans, Carmalita and Arlan, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moon, Jodie and Judy, all of Plainview.

Saturday night five car loads of Christmas carolers made the rounds singing at all the homes. They ended their program at the Clarence McBroom home where refreshments were served to the group.

J. T. Hodges of Amarillo visited with his brother, D. W. Hodges, Sunday.

Robbie Hodges visited with Lois Miller Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Counterman of Amarillo spent Friday night with her mother, Mrs. J. A. McDuff. David McDuff returned home with them for a week-end visit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HAS PARTY IN J. E. HUNTER HOME

The senior class of the First Christian Church was given a Christmas party by their teacher, Mrs. Clyde Ivy, and Mrs. J. E. Hunter in the home of Mrs. Hunter on Thursday night, December 18.

The group played group games and were served refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, cake, and cokes. Following the refreshments Mrs. Ivy was presented with a Christmas present from the class.

Those present were Lilamay Hunter, Jacky Matsler, Nancy Root, Reva Clay, Charlotte Crain, Anne Barnhill, Jerry Matsler, Louise Hunter, Donald Ray Roberson, Harold Root, Jack Campbell, Willie Mac Weaver, Richard Pruett, John Miller, Doyle Bourn, Norman Tuck, and the two hostesses.

UMBARGER 4-H NEWS

The Umbarger 4-H Club held its regular meeting in the school gym on December 16 with 23 members present.

Joyce Friemel was elected treasurer.

Miss Lou Ella Patterson gave a demonstration on putting in a zipper and attaching a waistband.

Mrs. I. H. Burrow of North Hollywood, Calif., Mrs. Harry Ward of Nipomo, Calif., and Mrs. J. C. Fulton from Massachusetts have returned to their homes after having been in Canyon to attend the funeral of their father, W. H. Hamblen.

Wendell Cain, who is on leave of absence from the speech department of West Texas State College to attend the University of Denver to work on his doctorate, spent a few days over the week-end visiting with friends and relatives in Canyon.

Mrs. J. D. Key is spending Christmas with her son, A. L., in California.

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Why Christmas Candles?

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Announcement . .

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Our shop will be in full operation by January 1, with a shop foreman that has had many years of experience in repairing and overhauling farm machinery. We expect to give you the best service possible, both in keeping a complete stock of merchandise, and in our shop.

We shall appreciate the continued patronage of the many friends of the Byars-Oliver Co., and, at the same time, extend a cordial welcome to everyone else in this area to come by and visit our store.

Mr. Jeff Wallace, who has been associated with the Byars-Oliver Company for several years, will continue with us in the same capacity.

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According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B. C. and the year 1 A. D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned, and the year 1 A. D. follows directly after the year 1 B. C.

A person born in 3 B. C. would not be five years old at 2 A. D., but would be four years old when one is calculating data in that period. When adding B. C. and A. D. years, it is necessary to always subtract one to compensate for the year zero omitted between 1 B. C. and 1 A. D.

Top Beauty, Handsome Named

Most Handsome

Parker, Wright Head Annual List

An atmosphere of beauty was created Saturday night by the Collegians as they provided the right mood music for the Beauty Presentation Ball Saturday night when Jo Parker, junior from Happy, and Jim Wright, junior from Fritch, were revealed as WT's "Most Beautiful" girl and "Most Handsome" man. The Beauty Dance was sponsored by Le Mirage, the college year book.

The couple, along with five runners-up in each division were presented by Bill Cherry, editor of the yearbook. The 12 were chosen by the student body in an election last week.

Other beauties, in the order of election, were Dorothy McReynolds, Canyon sophomore, Dee Anne Wright, Fritch junior, Jan Christal, Lelia Lake freshman, Sue Collins, Amarillo, Amarillo junior, and Leta Cherry, Borger freshman.

Handsome men in order of votes received in the election were Don Perry, Haskell junior, Bruce Cook, Kirkland junior, Kenneth Clapp, Borger sophomore, Jim McLaughlin, senior from Plainview, and Jim Cameron, junior from Perryton.

Music for the dance, which was the first formal affair of the year at WT, and which was well attended, was by The Collegians, campus dance band, directed by John Butler. Decorations in the cafeteria followed a Parisian theme taken from the movie, "An American in Paris." Props and decorations were by Cherry and Beverly Beck. Winners of the election will be featured in a special section of Le Mirage.

Other beauty candidates were Barbara Beck, Canyon freshman, Sheila Malone, Tulsa junior, Bette McGehee, Canyon freshman, Patricia Ann McDonald, Canyon senior, Nelda Ruthart, Canyon freshman, and Billie Faye Small, Canyon junior.

Men running for "Most Handsome" honors were Sid Bayless, Canadian junior, Tommie Bishop, Waka junior, Don Craig, Canyon senior, Dan Hagood, Canyon sophomore, Bill Hunter, Dimmitt freshman, and Ralph Wayne, Plainview senior.

Members of the Ruth Circle of the Women's Christian Service of the First Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Bob Bellah on Tuesday, December 16.

Visitors attending the meeting were Mesdames D. A. Nicholas, H. C. Hudson, W. D. Walker, Veltan Sogree, T. S. Stevenson, Jr., Alfred Bellah.

Members present were Mesdames A. H. Douglas, Harry Hungate, E. C. Penick, W. H. Stroud, E. M. Myers, A. W. Sternberg, Boone McClure, Art Roberts, J. W. Morris, J. C. Curb, and the hostess.

After an interesting Christmas program the hostess served delicious refreshments.

MRS. COLLING IS HOSTESS TO PARK H. D. CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Park Home Demonstration Club had its Christmas party Dec. 18 in the home of Mrs. George Colling.

After a program of Christmas carols and poems, presents were opened.

Those attending were: Guests, Mrs. J. C. Gallon; members, Mesdames D. J. Maynard, L. Raymond, H. A. Simon, Mary Simon, A. B. Ruggles, L. E. Hermesmeyer, Frank Simon, Leonard Winters, P. M. Mayberry, Flynn Winters, Elmer Winters, and the hostess.

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Canyon Favorite Recipe Wins in Virginia Contest

Mrs. Virgil M. Gore of Charlottesville, Virginia, informs The News that she won second prize in a recipe and table decoration contest held at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Unitarian Church in Charlottesville on Wednesday, Dec. 17. She won on a cookie recipe taken from a compilation of recipes published by The Canyon News several years ago.

She writes as follows: "The portion of the article to which I call your attention is the 'Sand Tart Cookie' recipe which took second prize in the contest. I would like you to know that this recipe was taken from the book, 'Favorite Recipes, a Cook Book of Favorite Recipes Furnished by the Women of Randall County,' compiled and printed by The Canyon News, Canyon, Texas."

"It was submitted to that publication by Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips. I have been using this recipe, with slight variations, since 1935."

This recipe is from the first edition of the well known Canyon cook book published in the early 1930's.

Mrs. L. L. Gore is the mother of Virgil Gore. He is a graduate of West Texas State College, and his wife was a student here.

American colleges and universities will spend \$350,000,000 for research next year.

Alabama accepts bid to play in the Orange Bowl game.

News In Canyon 25 Years Ago

(Taken from the files of The Canyon News of December 15, 1927)

J. O. Guleke of Amarillo, new regent for the college, was honored by a banquet at Cousins Hall. Sheriff John Fry announced the opening of a new tax office in South Amarillo.

C. R. Flesher announced that he had resigned his position with an insurance company and would open a law office in Canyon.

A test well for oil on the E. D. Harrell ranch in Armstrong county was abandoned by the drillers at 4900 feet.

Work was started on construction of the new education building on the campus.

December 22, 1927

The largest breach of promise suit ever filed in Texas was for a million dollars, filed by Mrs. Vandever against J. A. Whittenburg at Stinnett. A. D. Payne, formerly of Canyon, filed the case.

J. M. Black had his eye put out when hit in the eye with a rock, in which there was a piece of glass.

Art glass windows for the new Baptist Church are expected by January 1st.

Dr. and Mrs. Dudley Moore and children are visiting in Roswell, N. M., a few days this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Leisk. Mr. Leisk and Dr. Moore are cousins.

Private investments urged for less developed countries.

Lovett calls for "calm, steady" defense program.

YULETIDE GREETINGS

A beautiful sentiment that has continued through the centuries, the spirit of Christmas.

In the true spirit of the occasion we extend Season's Greetings to our friends and neighbors.

L. L. BYARS, Conoco Agent

E. A. Wardle, professor, University of Manitoba, Canada: "Every home should have a hog for a house pet... they are intelligent and easily house-broken."

State Fair Employment Practice Acts with "teeth" are having a highly beneficial effect, according to a staff report of a Senate labor subcommittee.

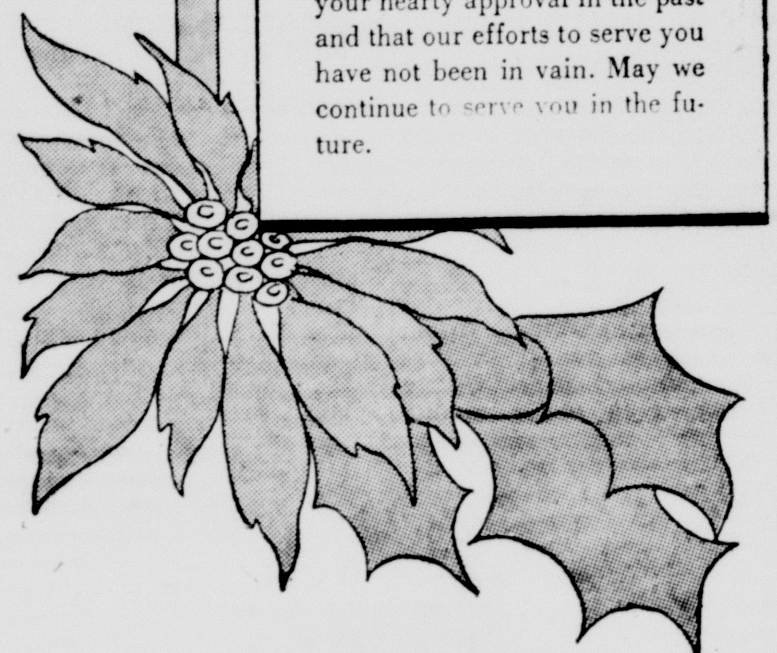
The Pennsylvania Dutch people originally came from Germany.

Glacial thermometers indefinite on earth's temperature.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

We wish you again, as we have wished for you many times before, a joyous Christmas, and a successful New Year.

We trust we have met with your hearty approval in the past and that our efforts to serve you have not been in vain. May we continue to serve you in the future.



"K" SERVICE STATION

GREETINGS!
TO YOU,
ONE AND ALL!

It's time for each of us to enjoy the finest time of the year—Christmas. It's also time for each of us to take stock of the year just closing and to make our plans for the coming year.

Looking back over the past twelve months we find that we have fallen far short of what may have been expected of us and now, at this Christmastime we pledge to you that we will make every effort to do a better job in the future.

When we express our Christmas Greetings to you, we want you to know that we are fully aware of your problems and it is our hope that you may derive some amount of happiness in this expression, knowing that it comes from one who is your friend.



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TO ALL who live beneath the shining light of freedom, we extend our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas. We sincerely and affectionately dedicate our efforts in the coming year toward a better service to our fellow man.

May Peace and Freedom bless the earth and all its peoples.

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Dolls Are Not Just Dolls Says "Gilmer-Aiken Co-ed" Smith

Playing with dolls is a serious business with Mrs. Fay P. Smith of Borger, who has a collection which would earn the envy of little girls at Christmas-time and the country's leading doll authorities.

There is more to a doll than you would think, Mrs. Smith says, for if you know the history of dolls you know the intimate history of mankind. Among many of Mrs. Smith's dolls is a great deal of the world's history, and if some of the world could talk, they could give a contemporary account of world-shaking events of the past two hundred years.

Mrs. Smith, who began collecting

dolls about three years ago, is now exhibiting her "toys" at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society Museum. A "Gilmer-Aiken co-ed," as she calls herself, Mrs. Smith attends a Saturday class at West Texas State College, where she earned her B.S. degree, and is teaching at Sanford.

The difference in dolls comes from their age, their makers, their types, and their faces, Mrs. Smith said. Her collection is built around several guides, and she is seeking, not numbers, but at least one of the known types. Dolls date back about 4,000 years to Egyptian empire days, but Mrs. Smith has no hope of obtaining any of these "firsts." She does, however, have many of the other firsts in doll history.

Baby Dolls

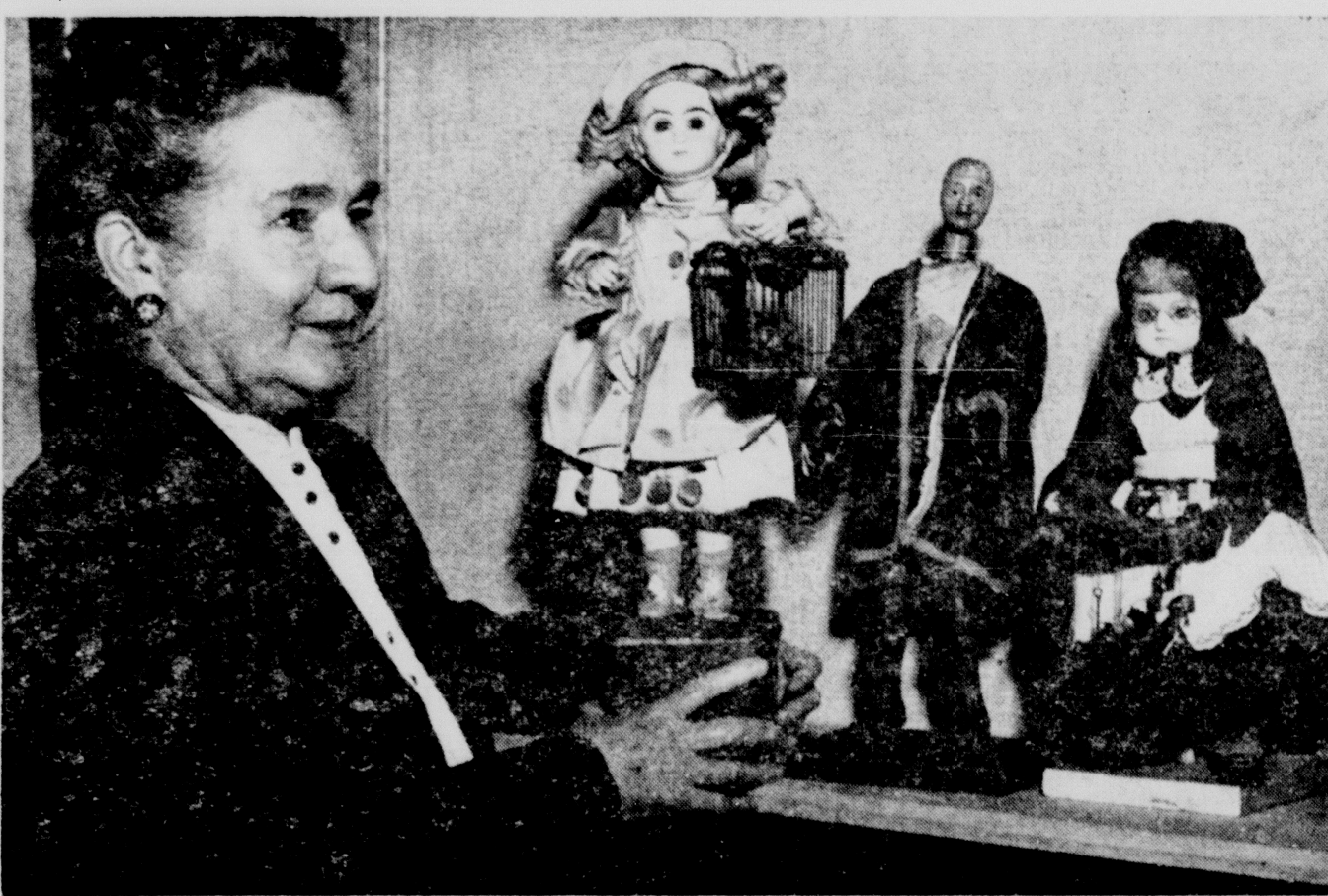
Mrs. Smith has one of the first "baby dolls" patented in America, which was made just before World War I, and she has some of the first dolls patented in this country, one a Greiner model first made about 1830, and a Larch doll, patented about 1840.

From the standpoint of age, Mrs. Smith's oldest doll is an ugly little "pin-headed" model, called a "creche" which was made in 1710 in Italy. The doll, with delicately carved head and hands, was made by Italian artists for cathedral "creches," or Nativity scenes. Mrs. Smith's doll was evidently one of the kings who came from afar to worship at the manger, for his thin stick body is still robed in purple.

A musical mechanical doll, a famed "Jumeau," is probably the doll of which Mrs. Smith is most proud. The little girl holding a bird cage still playfully swings her head and hands to the music and the minute bird in the cage wiggles on its perch—after being the joy of some child back in 1840 and surviving the years of wear and tear.

George and Martha

Among her most treasured dolls, Mrs. Smith counts her George and Martha Washington, made by the



Mrs. Fay P. Smith of Borger proudly holds her "Jumeau" musical mechanical doll, made in France about 1830. Nearby is her "creche" doll, made in 1710, and her "English Pedlar" model, which wears a genuine paisley shawl. Her dolls, old and new, are on exhibit at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society Museum in Canyon.

It's Christmastime! Forget your cares and remember that Santa's abroad in the land. May your stocking be big enough to hold all the good things we wish for you.

CHEATHAM'S CLOTHIERS

ONCE AGAIN

May the spirit of kindness that is within us all today, remain throughout every day of the New Year.

We thank you for your friendly patronage and loyalty and extend best wishes of the Season.



CORDIAL GREETINGS

ROOT PAINT COMPANY



In the valley, on the mountain let the spirit of Christmas warm the hearts of all mankind.

SAMUELSON MOTOR CO.

dean of American dollmakers, Mrs. Emma Clear, who started the art about 1914. Others are an old wax doll in red calico dress and with blonde hair and piano legs, made about 1830; and "Old English Pedlar" doll, made in the early 19th century in England, which represents the old ladies who sold pins, lace, and trinkets—fore-runners of the pack peddlers; several German dolls, most of which date from 1880; and a grandfather and grandmother set made in Mexico by one of the few wax dollmakers.

Dollmaking was primarily a monopoly of Germany for many years, though France and Italy offered some competition. Even those few models made in England and America until the 20th century were constructed from German-made parts.

First Patent

First doll patented in America was made by a German, who immigrated with his art, about 1830. His name, Greiner, is still used to designate the first models. A maker named Larch followed about ten years later, and an American named Joel Ellis soon modeled dolls and doll buggies, along with his baby carriages. A mystery doll, the "M&S Superior," came out shortly before Greiner's model, and is often attributed to the German.

The first "baby dolls" were called Putnam Bye-Low dolls, made by an American woman, produced in Germany and patented in the United States. Since World War I, American dolls have become more popular, and are now probably leading the world in production, Mrs. Smith said.

"The George and Martha Washington dolls, made by Mrs. Emma Clear, are called the finest dolls made anywhere and at anytime," Mrs. Smith said. "Other famous dolls are the Jumeau, which are the best produced by French artists, and second to these were the Bru models. They are surpassed now by the Clear models."

Jumeau

Mrs. Smith's Jumeau mechanical doll appears in St. George's volume on doll history, "300 Years of Dolls," and her grandfather and grandmother Meican models are pictured in the same book.

Mrs. Smith now makes some of her own dolls, and replaces some of the faces of her older models. She makes a plaster-of-paris mold of the head, pours in clay or "slip," and then glazes them in a kiln, if they are the glazed type.

Highlights of 1952 Football Viewed Friday

A small number of the town's athletic citizens gathered at the Varsity Theatre Friday afternoon to view football highlights of 1952. W. J. Wooten, owner, and Charlie Donnell, manager, received the film slightly early for this showing.

Games featured in the film were "Wisconsin vs. Illinois," "Pennsylvania vs. Princeton," "Maryland vs. Mississippi," "Mississippi vs. Tulane," "Army vs. Columbia," "Duke vs. Georgia Tech," "Texas vs. Baylor," "Syracuse vs. Michigan State," "Notre Dame vs. Oklahoma," "Yale vs. Harvard," "Notre Dame vs. Southern California," and "Army vs. Navy."

A lot of action and a lot of football strategy was packed into this 20 minute film. Among those in attendance were West Texas State Football Coach Frank Kimbrough, Vaughn Vandergriff, sports publicity director, and several WT football players.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY HAS PARTY IN L. A. DONNELL HOME

Members of the Presbyterian Women's Auxiliary had their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. L. A. Donnell last week with Mrs. C. R. Burrow as co-hostess.

The home was beautifully decorated in keeping with the season. An artistic Christmas tree, loaded with gifts, was the center of attraction.

Mrs. Harvey Cash directed an interesting Christmas program and Mrs. J. D. Barker gave several appropriate piano selections. After a contest game, gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served by the hostesses to seven visitors and 11 members.

MRS. LOYS KNOX CONDUCTS PALO DURO-RUSK H. D. PARTY

The Palo Duro-Rusk Home Demonstration Club held its annual Christmas party December 16 in the home of Mrs. Bill Dugan.

A beautiful and inspiring program was given with Mrs. Loys Knox, program chairman, as mistress of ceremonies. The program was opened with the singing of Christmas carols by the group. Christmas poems were read by Mesdames Ralph Barclay, Clem Dugan, J. C. McClendon, Jerre Inman, Bill Dugan, Charles Reitz, and E. M. Wesley.

Mrs. Roger Dugan sang "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," and Mrs. Randall Choate sang "Here Comes Santa Claus." Mrs. Henry Miller gave the Christmas story in question form. Piano numbers presented were "The Holy City" by Mrs. Douglas Marshall, "O, Holy Night" by Mrs. Ernest Sykes, and "Star of the East" by Mrs. Charles Wilkinson.

Other members present were Mesdames Edd Reynolds, Bert Northcutt, and Lena Northcutt; and one guest, Mrs. Jessie Parker. Gifts were exchanged.

A short business meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. E. M. Wesley, who submitted her resignation as president for 1953 as she is moving to New Mexico. Her resignation was accepted with regret and the 1953 vice-president elect, Mrs. Roger Dugan, was elected president. Mrs. Jerre Inman was elected vice-president.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served after the business meeting adjourned.

DICE FOR GLORY!

"My brother has 12 medals. He won 'em in the war."

"Gee, he musta been some sharp-shooter."

"Nope. He was a great crap-shooter!"

Poland arrested five Roman Catholic priests on charges of engaging in espionage for the Western powers.



CHRISTMAS GIFT

We know you are busy at this, the Happiest Season of the year, but we just want to drop in a minute or two and say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

May you enjoy the most thrilling Christmas of them all, and may its cheery spirit remain with

you all through the New Year.

This message comes with genuine appreciation for all the nice things you have done for us in the past and with the hope that we may continue to be in your favor in the future.

RANDALL MOTOR CO.

HELPFUL HINTS DEPT.

According to an explorer, a tiger will not harm you if you carry a white walking cane. That might depend, we should think, on how fast you carry it.

Social Security check is paid to 5,000,000th beneficiary.

CURIOUS

"Who is that letter from?" "What do you want to know for?"

"There you are! What do I want to know for? You're the most inquisitive person I ever met!"

Buy, Build, Live in Canyon!

GREETINGS



"THE GIFT WITHOUT THE GIVER IS BARE"

We give to you, our friends, this Christmas Day, our deepest appreciation for the fullness of the friendship that you have given us all these years. With our gift, we enclose a little piece of our hearts for you to keep. Bless you, this Christmas, and always.

RADIO APPLIANCE

We Wish You Well

Our every thought this Yuletide is for those about us whom it has been our privilege to serve and those whom we would like to serve in the future.

Your consideration and regard mean much to us and we are grateful for your friendships.

May this be a Christmas never to be forgotten for its happiness and contentment.

Season's Greetings



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Season's Greetings

We send you sincere and hearty greetings, full of Christmas cheer for each of you. And we add good wishes for happiness and prosperity during the next twelve months.

JOYNER MOTOR CO.

Christmas Don'ts

To keep your Christmas a truly merry one, keep these don'ts in mind:

DON'T give children dangerous toys, or toys with sharp points. If they operate with electricity, be sure you supervise their use.

DON'T decorate the tree with lighted candles unless it's absolutely unavoidable.

DON'T place the tree near a stove or fireplace.

DON'T leave lighted tree unguarded at any time.

DON'T use a rickety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.

DON'T place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or other decorations.

DON'T overlook the opportunity to make your tree fire-resistant.

DON'T leave toys exposed where people can trip on them.

DON'T allow steps and sidewalks to become icy in cold weather.

DON'T drive recklessly.

Early Yuletide Thought Pagan By Christians

CHRISTMAS, like any other blessed institution has had to fight its battles. The first great enemy of Christmas was the Roman empire whose pagan emperors determined to blot out all kinds of Christian rites.

Then when Roman Emperor Constantine Christianized the empire other enemies of Christmas arose. One course of contention was: Is December 25 really Christmas? Some said Christ was born on January 6; others held for March 29. Some set April 21 as His birthday. Nobody knew with complete confidence just when to celebrate Christmas. At last, in the fourth century, Pope Julius I settled the matter in favor of our present date. His decision was accepted.

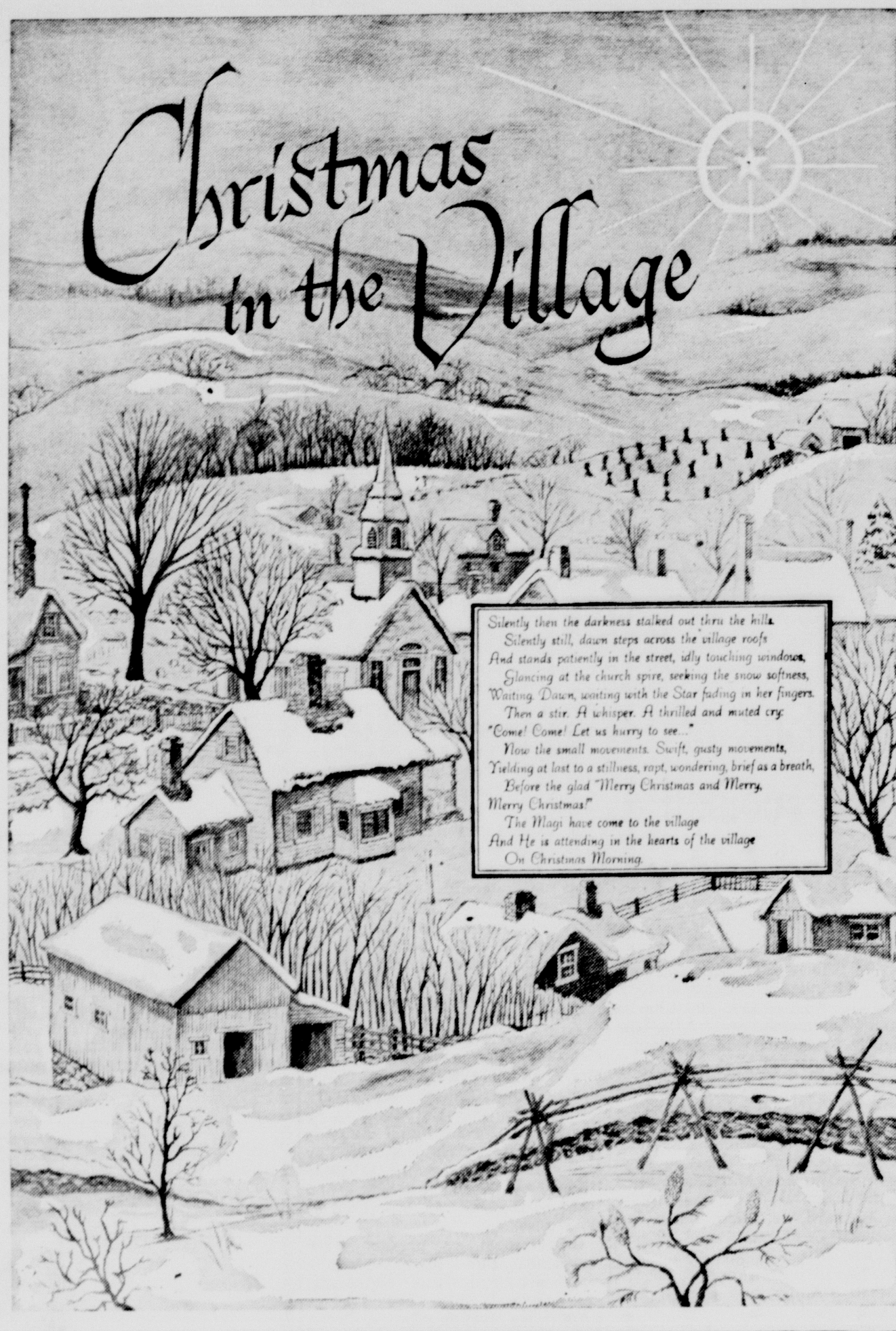
From the first there had been among Christians a certain hostility toward the Christmas festival. The celebration of birthdays in general was considered heathenish and something taken over from the pagans. Nor did the enemies of Christmas fail to observe that many pagan customs had crept into the feasting of the day. Christmas and the days of Advent that go before it occur at the time of the winter solstice, when the days cease to grow shorter, and begin to lengthen—when the sun, having declined its furthest from zenith, begins to climb again. The period was one of festival in many parts of the world, and was held sacred by many religions. Then occurred the Roman Saturnalia, with its wild excesses, and the people of the north, too, had a great midwinter feast with days of hearty eating and deep drinking.

From the Saturnalia came banquetings and dancings and riotings in masks and the giving of gifts. Our Christmas dinner and Christmas presents and Christmas cards and the wearing of Christmas masks in various parts of the world date back to the Saturnalia. The midwinter feast of the northern peoples was called Yule, hence our Yuletide and Yule log. The burning of the Christmas log descends from northern tree worship. So does the Christmas tree.

Santa Claus seems to date from later Christmas times. He is good St. Nicholas, of course. The hanging of stockings comes from the legend that the saint, among his other charities, used to provide doweries for poor girls. The older form of the Christmas stocking custom was for poor girls to hang up stockings in the hope that benevolent St. Nicholas would place marriage portions in them.



SANTA'S ROLL CALL . . . In a big city Santa needs a platoon of helpers to make the rounds. Here he checks up in New York to see if all of his aides are on hand for the big Christmas Eve delivery.



Silently then the darkness stalked out from the hills.
Silently still, dawn steps across the village roofs
And stands potently in the street, idly touching windows,
Glancing at the church spire, seeking the snow softness,
Waiting, Dawn, waiting with the Star fading in her fingers.
Then a stir. A whisper. A thrilled and muted cry.
"Come! Come! Let us hurry to see."
Now the small movements. Swift, quiet movements,
Yielding at last to a stillness, rapt, wondering, brief as a breath,
Before the glad "Merry Christmas and Merry,
Merry Christmas!"
The Mugs have come to the village
And He is attending in the hearts of the village
On Christmas Morning

Christmas

The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young. —Phillips Brooks

I have always thought of Christmas time as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely. —Charles Dickens

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!"

The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!" —Longfellow

Heave on more wood! — the wind
is chill;
But let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our Christmas merry still. —Sir Walter Scott

And if you keep it for a day, why
not always? But you can never
keep it alone. —Henry van Dyke

At this immortal hour, all human
hate, pride, greed, lust should bow
and declare Christ's power, and
the reign of Truth and Life divine

should make man's being pure and
blest. —Mary Baker Eddy

ORDER BEANS

"Dear Bob:
"Four years ago my husband
went to get some steak sauce and
never returned. What should I
do?"
Answer: "Try using tomato cat-
sup."

John S. Robinson, professor, Cornell University: "Worms can be taught to turn."

If you cast your bread upon the
waters today, it would most likely
come back to you wrapped in cello-
phane.

That Immortal Christmas Essay... Yes, Virginia

the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little."

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge."

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.
"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus!"

It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!
You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world."

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond."

"Is it all real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus!"
"Thank God!—he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

It was only September, and 1897's Christmas was three months in the future. But Virginia O'Hanlon's concern was with an important problem that, to her, knew no season. That was why she wrote her letter to the New York Sun asking "Is there a Santa Claus?" The answer to Virginia's question, composed in a moment of deep spiritual insight by Francis B. Church, stands even today as a testament of faith.

Love

Devotion

Faith

Truth

Generosity

for a RICHER CHRISTMAS



FOR those of us here in America let this be truly a real Christmas. Let it be a season to be remembered for many years to come.

Here, in America, is cause for rejoicing. We have had no invasion, our homes are still intact, we have food, warmth, good fellowship—and FREEDOM. What greater heritage could be ours.

Let us be appreciative. Let us carry on in the traditional spirit of the happy holiday occasion. We owe it to ourselves, and more important, we owe it to those lads who have gone forth to defend the American way of life. It is our obligation to keep the Christmas tradition alive as a part of the thing for which they have fought.

This should be a richer Christmas. Sharing the heartaches and disappointments with others has made each of us more thoughtful, more considerate and more appreciative and from this attitude comes the contentment and happiness so essential for a successful Christmas season.

May all that is worthwhile be yours this Christmas.

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A CHRISTMAS GREETING

Especially for You



Peace attend
you the season
through.
And may your
fondest dreams
come true,



1952

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Ross Compliments WT Student Body

A letter, highly complimentary to the student body of West Texas State, was received this week by Sid Bayless, president of the Student Senate, from William R. Ross, president of the Colorado State College of Education.

Dr. Ross was one of three members of the visiting committee here on the campus two weeks ago, representing the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

The letter follows:
Dear Sid:
I would like to have you convey to the members of the Senate of the student body our extreme satisfaction with the high quality of citizenship we found among the students at the West Texas State College.

There was every evidence of splendid leadership and intelligent "fellowship," and you and your student body are to be complimented on this accomplishment.

May I wish you and all of your colleagues continued success and wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,
William R. Ross
President.

LET HIM THROUGH

Aviator (explaining crash) — I just happened to get into an air-pocket.

Sympathetic Old Lady — Oh, dear! And I suppose there was a hole in it.

YELL 'UNCLE!'

Vet: "Where I made my big mistake was in telling my girl about my rich uncle."

Other Vet: "How come?"

Vet: "She's my aunt now."

WE ARE AS NEAR TO YOUR DOCTOR AS THE TELEPHONE. HAVE HIM CALL US.

Prescription PHARMACY
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Public Health Is Improved in Texas Says Authority

Death won't cloud holiday festivities in as many Texas homes this year as in seasons past.

By and large, public health is at a higher level today than ever before, statistics compiled by the State Department of Health show.

The result is that more parents are alive to be with their children, for maternal deaths have been reduced by 88 per cent in the last 15 years. And more children are alive and vital, anticipating the sacred day we call Christmas, because infant deaths have been cut by 46 per cent.

Longer Life

Life is longer today than ever before, not just in Texas but the nation over. It used to be that a man of 50 years was in his twilight years. Today a 50-year-old is merely middle aged.

"We take a lot of pride in our progress," State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox said, "but there is no end to improvements yet to be made. It's always this way when you deal with the problems that control the health of people."

Dr. Cox, who has been directing the state public health program since 1936, is fond of pointing out that "health is a purchasable commodity."

More Facilities

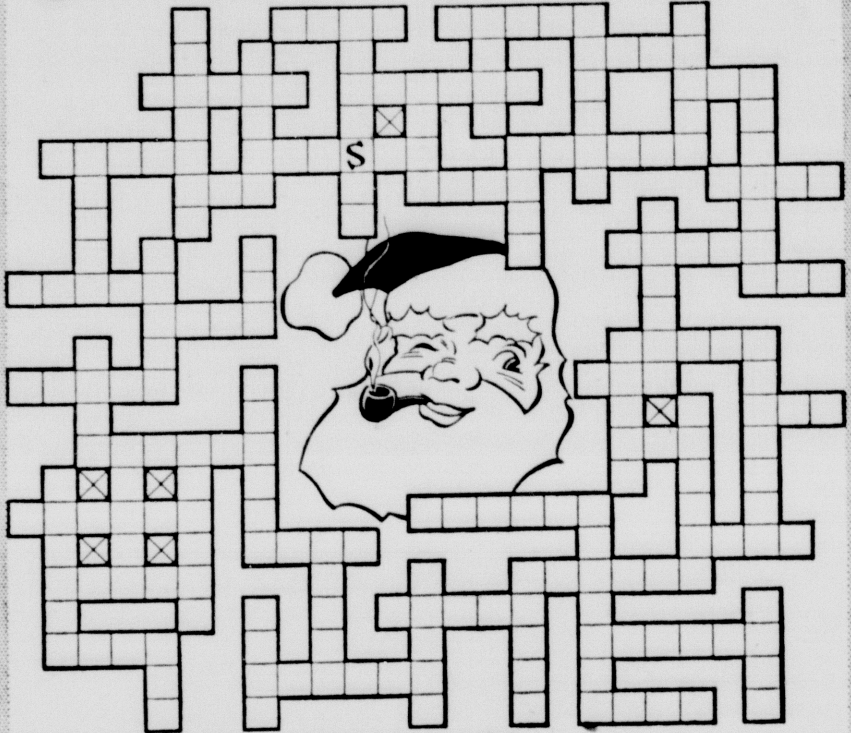
His tenure has brought the construction of more facilities for public health than any other combination of preceding administrations. Pursuing a policy of decentralization, 47 local health center buildings have been built and staffed throughout the state.

One of the most striking gains has been made against typhoid fever. Deaths due to this cause has been cut by 98 per cent in the last decade. A reduction of 95 per cent has been registered against diphtheria, 64 per cent against tuberculosis, and 96 per cent against pellagra.

Leon Ames, Hollywood character actor: "The actor's life is a crap game. It's all a matter of chance whether you make a mint or end up broke."

Help Keep Canyon Clean!

Christmas criss-cross



Here is a Christmas puzzle that will be fun for all the family to work. It is simple. Fit the words into the right spaces. One letter "I" is given as a starting point. The completed puzzle is at the lower right. Don't peek!

ALL DON FIVE GAY HUN RAP RUM SLED SLOW TUNE WALL DOLL JACK GOLD HALL	LOVE NOEL RAFT RING ROOF SHOW SLIP TUNE WALL DOLL JACK GOLD HALL	CHILD COMET CUPID GIFT HOTEL LIGHT MISCH NIGHT WALL TUNE DOLL JACK GOLD HALL	SPELL TRAIN VIRN WHITE ANGELS CANDLE MISCH DANCER PEACE BEIGN SANTA SHEEP	INFANT MANAGER SEASON SILENT TINSEL WREATH CHIMNEY HOLIDAY PRANCES FRANCIS TUNING
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Answer

The Mystery of God's Firmament

THE "STAR" which signaled the "first Christmas" may be interpreted in many ways. In all such interpretations we must put ourselves as nearly as possible into the social and psychological frame of mind of those whom we try to understand. The astronomer knows that through the ages the word "star" has been used to indicate almost any celestial phenomenon. We still speak of "falling stars" or "shooting stars" which we know quite well are not stars at all. In more ancient times the comet was called a "hairy star" and was derived from the Latin word coma, meaning hair. The planets were the "wandering stars" as opposed to the "fixed stars," and from the Greek word for wanderer we derive our word "planets."

The Star of Bethlehem could have been any of these. It could even have been a "new star" or nova which suddenly burst forth with a many-thousand-fold increase in brilliance, due to some great stellar catastrophe. These are all explanations of what the "star" could have been. Had it been any of the above, it would have been seen by many peoples, and in literature would have been found references to the appearance of the object which attracted attention. But nowhere in the literature or in the folklore of any of the peoples noted as astute observers of celestial phenomena do these references exist.

From this we are forced to conclude the appearance of the star was a sight given only to the Wise Men to see.

Christmas Game

Snapdragon was a favorite Christmas game in England more than 200 years ago; it is still played in modified form in England and America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was poured over the fruit and ignited. The bystanders then endeavored to grasp a raisin, by plunging their hands through the flames. A carol, called "The Song of Snapdragon," accompanied the game.

God Bless Christmas

"There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say," returned the nephew. "Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; and, therefore, uncle, though it had never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I say, God bless it!"—Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol."

The Prophecy

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called: Wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Serving of Boar's Head One of Old Christmas Customs

Of the customs that grew up around the Christmas festival in Merrie England, the serving of the boar's head was one of the most stirring. It endures to this day at Queen's college, Oxford, where the 50-pound tusked head—a lemon in



its grinning jaws—is borne in on a great silver dish, escorted by trumpeters and candle bearers.

In the olden days there was an appropriate chant, half carol and half ritual, that the gentlemen used to bellow at the moment the dish troubled the board:

Then set down the swineyard,
The foe to the vineyard,
Let Bacchus crown his fall,
Let this boar's head and mustard
Stand for pig, goose and custard,
And so ye are welcome all.



Christmas is a tree with bright lights and tinsel and the Star atop. It is a tumble of gifts, wrapped with pretty ribbon, beneath its green boughs. It is the light and faith in little children's eyes on Christmas morning. It is the choking feeling of joy in mother's heart as the packages are opened. It is the tear that wells in dad's eye and he tries to hide it with a grin. It is the remembrance of many other Christmases by grandmother and grandfather, undimmed by golden time.

It is the sermon of the Story of Bethlehem. The hymns of the choir, the candlelight service, the softness of children's voices, the peace and goodwill that can come into men's hearts.

Christmas is the big tall tree in school, the only tree some of the children can call their own. It is the striped candy cane.

It is the joyful music of chimes and church bells, the carols from the record shop, the spirit of the season that makes strangers friends.

It is the garland and the candle in the window, the cards on the mantel, the wreath on the door, the mistletoe hung for fun. It is sincerely in a handshake, the wishes of glad tidings, the vocal meaning in the hello from neighbors.

Christmas is a light. A light that vanquishes darkness; the light of charity.

Deals In Dirt

Home Building and Realty Co. to E. W. Lovelady, lot no. 13 in block no. 10, Paramount Addition.

Joe H. Gidden and wife, Irene Gidden, to Mrs. Hope Rusk, W-75 feet of block no. 12, Maxwell Suburban Addition.

Charles T. Hook and S. A. Beery to E. J. Stoops and wife, Maggie B. Stoops, lot no. 13 in block no. 6, Shelton Subdivision.

F. S. Gillham to Florence Thelma Gillham, an undivided one-half interest in lots nos. 9 and 10 in block no. 53, Original Town of Canyon, and all the north 167.1 acres out of section 128, block B-5, H. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey.

E. S. Johnson and wife, Beryl Johnson, to William H. Clark and wife, Ruth E. Clark, tract no. 20, McMurtry Acres, section no. 2, in block no. 2, J. Pointevent Survey.

Truman A. Armstrong and wife, Eleanor Armstrong, to Milton E. Crow and wife, Lulu Beatrice Crow, lot no. 7 in block no. 5-B, South Lawn.

Clifford Turner and wife, Johnnie M. Turner, to C. L. Summers and wife, Neomia Summers, the north six feet of lot no. 15 and the south 57 feet of lot no. 16 in block no. 1-A, South Lawn.

Martha J. Gilbreath and husband, M. U. Gilbreath, to R. F. Dryden, the south 30 feet of lots nos. 5 and 8 in block no. 5, Roy Lindsey Addition.

Lyman A. Burke to W. F. McWhirter, all of lot no. 15 in block no. 5, Paramount Addition.

Richard V. Craft and wife, Elsie Craft, to G. A. Cooley, all of lot no. 9 in block "J," Broadmoor Addition.

W. H. Hicks and wife, Ruth Hicks, to Don F. Dillard and wife, June E. Dillard, lot no. 16 in block no. 2, Kings Acres.

Home Building and Realty Co. to E. C. Dodgin and Jack H. Breland, lot no. 8 in block no. 3, Paramount Addition.

O. E. May and wife, Mary May, to Clarence Spears and wife, Sarah E. Spears, lots nos. 1 and 2 and the north 40 feet of lot no. 3, block no. 10, College Park Addition.

G. B. Heath to Albert Byars, the east 120 feet of the west 195 feet of block no. 19, Maxwell Suburban Addition.

Wyrick Construction Company to Herbert Johnson, Jr., and wife, Gayle Johnson, lot no. 3, block "V," Broadmoor Addition.

Long-Bell Lumber Co. to Reuben Bewley, lot no. 2 in block "P," Broadmoor Addition.

Long-Bell Lumber Co. to Robert J. Helm and wife, Willie Helm, lot no. 6 in block "P," Broadmoor Addition.

Long-Bell Lumber Co. to J. L. McCuller and wife, LaVern McCuller, lot no. 1 in block "P," Broadmoor Addition.

Long-Bell Lumber Co. to Lee R. Williamson and wife, Delma Williamson, south one-half of lots nos. 13 and 14, block "P," Broadmoor Addition.

Long-Bell Lumber Co. to James F. Owens and wife, Ruby Owens, north one-half of lots nos. 13 and 14, block "P," Broadmoor Addition.

Wilford Taylor, Sr., and wife, Annie C. Taylor, to Roy N. Byrd, Sr., the west 37½ feet of lot no. 2 and the east 25 feet of lot no. 3, block no. 1, Cowart Addition.

Jack Nunley and wife, Helen Nunley, to Alice Payne, lot no. 4 in block no. 30, Conner Addition.

Alice Payne to Jack Nunley and wife, Helen Nunley, all of lot no. 6 and the west one-half of lot no. 5, in block no. 55, Original Town of Canyon.

Melvin F. Campbell to Mabel D. Campbell, lot no. 16 in block no. 18, T-Anchor Addition.

J. W. Marsh and wife, Muriel Marsh, to Wilburn Earl Brown and

Christmas Greetings

and all good wishes.



HARWOOD GROCERY

wife, Mary Lou Brown, lot no. 9 in block no. 3, Kings Acres Addition.

Elmer D. Runquist to Harvey B. Swenson and wife, Elizabeth A. Swenson, the north 69 feet of lot no. 1 in block no. 14-C, South Lawn.

O. E. Perdue and wife, Millie M. Perdue, to Murrell G. Latimer and wife, Belle J. Latimer, lot no. 15 in block no. 9, T-Anchor Addition.

E. S. Jones and wife, Margaret E. Jones, to Myrtle M. Gilmore, lot no. 6 in block no. 112, Mrs. Paramount Addition.

M. D. Oliver-Eagle Addition.

Clarence Spears to O. E. May, lot no. 5 in block "I," Broadmoor Addition.

Clarence Spears to O. E. May, lot no. 11 in block "H," Broadmoor Addition.

Homer W. Dee and wife, Peggy Pinkney Dee, to J. A. Whittenburg III, lot no. 16 in block no. 37, Wolflin Estates.

K. R. Barnard and wife, Kathryn Mae Barnard, to Edwin Grady Loftis and wife, Eunice Lovvorn Loftis, lot no. 10 in block no. 2, Paramount Addition.



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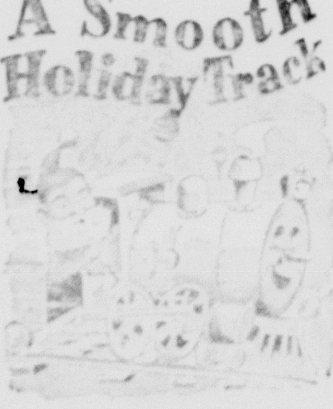
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"All this talk about back seat drivers is bunk. I've driven a car for ten years and I've never had a word from behind."
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We hope you may be surrounded by joy and gladness and filled with the warmth Christmas brings to everyone.

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CANYON STEAM LAUNDRY

Frosh Sweaters, Varsity Letters Awarded 1952 Football Team

West Texas State's athletic committee, headed by W. Mitchell Jones, today announced the awarding of 14 frosh sweaters and 27 varsity letters to members of the 1952 football team.

Heading the list were six seniors, all six members of either the starting offensive or defensive units. Graduating are Bobby Clark, Rotan back; Chester Dowell, Rotan guard; Austin Bowes, Kress center; Jerry Bollen, Wellington tackle; Toby Booth, Farwell end; and Marvin Smith, Perryton end.

Only one other player from the 53-man squad will be lost for 1953 action. Bobby Lane, Turkey quarterback, married during the Thanksgiving holidays and will not be available for play.

Barring the unexpected loss of any players, Coach Frank Kimbrough will have 34 lettermen and 12 squadmen returning for action next fall. Of this 46 only 7 will be of senior classification.

Varsity players receiving upper-classmen letters are Joe Bob Barnhill, Turkey; Kenneth Clapp, Borge; Bobby Lane, Turkey; Orville Copeland, Wellington; Leon Evans, Amarillo; Perry Heard, Levelland; Robert Whelchel, Claude; Kenneth Ringo, Dalhart; Jimmy Greenwood, Borge; Edgar Hubbard, Wheeler; E. J. Webb, Tulia.

And Max Kennedy, Memphis; Garland Rattan, Matador; Tommy Jinks, Lefors; Dick Ratjen, Happy; D. Cleveland, Friona; Paul Boswell, Pampa; Roy Grundy, Quitaque; W. Cleveland, Friona; Jim Singleton, Seagraves; and Don Light, Panhandle.

Freshmen boys receiving sweaters are Joe Walden, Littlefield; Bob Ratliff, Canyon; Tommy Wood, Wellington; Seidon Wood, Wellington; Delmer Tuggle, Panhandle; Jax McSpadden, Patton Springs; Wandie Hutson, Tulia; Bill Greenhouse, Vernon; Robert Gibson, Lubbock; Ferrell Kent, Wellington; John Loper, Abertathy; Wayne Jenkins, Memphis; Jimmy Naylor, Panhandle; and Bobby Jennings, Tulia.

Squadmen eligible for return next season are Arnold Strain, Amherst; James Spencer, Carlsbad, NM; Duane Barrett, Portales, NM; Robert McClellon, Canyon; Loyde Jones, Friona; Don Jamerson, Wellington; Benny George, Kress; Walter Haws, Friona; Dean Hall, Friona; Max Cresse, Pierre, SD; Freddie Vinson, Memphis; and Ray Mitchell, Wellington.

Just Between You, Me and ... the Gatepost

(By Lawrence Hunnicutt)

The weather man hit the weather right on the nose again last week. There was a trace of moisture and by mid-afternoon Friday the sun was out and many hopes for a white Christmas went with the clouds. The happy spirit that comes only with the Christmas holidays brought out the bright smiles of joy to youngsters.

The strength of the Christmas spirit even showed itself in songs all over town. Thursday afternoon there was some practice of Christmas carols being carried on in the Canyon Drug. In case you didn't hear it you should know that Mrs. Rice and Helen harmonize very well.

One of the things that would lend a great deal more meaning to the Christmas holiday season here is an annual program such as Miss Ada V. Clark directed at the high school this year. Among those who helped put the program over are Miss Claudia Neelley, Miss Alice Payne, and Herman Demus, as well as high school students and a number of other civic minded workers. They hope to make the program an annual affair and with a little encouragement from the public this could be done successfully.

The warm sunshine and dry streets made conditions better for the final drawing Saturday afternoon that was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. It was the third and final drawing of a series that proved successful in promoting interest in our local trade. The Chamber of Commerce and Manager Glenn Waggoner certainly deserve a word of appreciation for the success of the program.

Now that Christmas is at hand there are probably many people who will be glad to see the holidays end and the good old normal routine begin once more. It's nice to have holidays, but it's also nice to relax for a short period to overcome the fatigue brought on by the hustle and bustle of the busy season.

According to the calendar, our winter season is only a few days old. This means that the daylight hours are beginning to get shorter even though you may not be able to tell it just now. If you take the kind of weather into account that we have been having you would get the idea that winter swept down upon us way back in November. At any rate 8 o'clock classes won't seem quite so early after the Christmas holidays are over.

Among the people we're going to contact a little more often are Bill Sternberg and Dutch Cleavinger. Of course Fire Chief Sternberg won't have much to report because there just haven't been any fires recently. One of the reasons we haven't checked with Cleavinger recently about future prospects for a good wheat crop is the fact that there isn't enough moisture to even talk about a crop yet. The two traces of moisture that came recently are not enough to make up for the prolonged drouth suffered during the summer and fall seasons.

There's an old saying that "You can't hold back the hands of time." It goes right on and you have to take the bitter with the sweet. This is not being given as an apology nor as a boast. Of course you know what it means, it's that department again, Chirps of Wisdom.

The person who said, "Figures don't lie," certainly didn't know about falsies.

Education is what enables you to pass out insults and call it repartee. Everyone wants to go to heaven but nobody is in a hurry to take off.

The logic of nonsense has a subtle charm only because it can so easily be turned into the logic of common sense.

Oh yes, there's that ancient but still appropriate greeting which is in order at this time. A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A MOST JOYOUS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Wayside News

Sunday was Rev. Travis Jordan's regular day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mahler were called to Slaton December 13 as Mrs. Bryce Payne had to have an emergency appendectomy. They returned home in a few hours and left her doing nicely.

Mrs. Guy Watson, Mrs. Melton McGehee, Mrs. Bertha Mahler, Mrs. Ella and Louise Heisler all attended Club Council at Claude Monday.

John Maier of Walters, Okla., visited first of the week in the home of his brother-in-law, the E. J. Mahlers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Franklin, the Chas. Kennedys and the Clifford Stevens family and Mrs. Fannie Stevens were all Canyon shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Franklin and son, Harold, and family were Happy and Canyon shoppers Saturday p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hill, Joan and David left Friday for California to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas and Le Roy moved to their new home five miles southwest of Amarillo last week. We will miss this fine family from our midst but wish them much success and happiness wherever they go.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Modisette and children were Happy callers last Friday.

Mrs. Chas. Kennedy was seeing the dentist in Tulia last Friday p.m.

Joyce Lane has installed a large G. E. Television set in his store.

W. R. Franklin helped to install a bathroom in the Marvin Sluder home in Happy last week.

Several from Wayside attended the wedding of Shirley McGehee to Richard Parker of the Amarillo Air Base. The wedding took place December 20 at 3 p. m. in the San Jacinto Methodist Church in Amarillo.

Poland quits Unesco, charging it is "tool" of U. S.



Greetings

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Statehouse

Texas does not store enough water.

That is what the statewide water committee means when it says: "The supply available from natural flow and present reservoirs is inadequate to meet existing needs without regard to future requirements. It is, therefore, obvious that it is necessary to construct additional dams and reservoirs to capture and conserve storm and flood waters if the present shortage is overcome and if provision is made for the future needs of our rapidly expanding economy."

No matter whether you state the case in six words (as I did) or 62 (as the committee did) the fact remains the same.

Study

The committee has been studying the water situation for ten weeks and has come up with four proposals. Chief of these is a constitutional amendment that would permit the state to assist local authorities to finance dams.

The state's share of the money would come from a tax on users of the water.

Other proposals of the committee were to:

Give more authority to state agencies controlling water, particularly the state board of water engineers;

Establish a water pollution advisory council to ride herd on that problem; and

Set in motion a long-range water conservation program to be supervised by a committee.

Governor Allan Shivers, who appointed the statewide water committee, told members at a meeting the other day that their job is now to push their program through the Legislature.

Take Steps

There is little room for argument that the state must take steps to solve the problem. As the committee pointed out in its report: "The official records of the state board of water engineers reflect that the mean annual run-off of the rivers and streams of Texas is 62,000,000 acre feet of water per year.

"The records further reflect that in 1951, which was a dry year when needs and uses were at an all-time high, only 8,500,000 acre feet of water were actually diverted from the streams and rivers and beneficially used for all purposes.

"This condition existed because of the intermittent and irregular flow of streams and the absence of adequate reservoirs to store and hold flood waters until they are needed in periods of short supply."

State Hospital System

Another problem that will get discussion in the Legislature is that concerning the state hospital system.

The legislators are going to ask why the two top doctors in the system resigned. These medical men, Doctors George W. Jackson and H. H. Donahue, say they quit because of the administrative set-up.

They add that it is impossible to operate the system efficiently when authority is divided between a medical director and a business administrator. They hold no brief against Executive Director Larry Cox or any member of his staff.

While the system is being examined, the legislators will also want to know the reason for recent escapes of the criminally insane.

Cox thinks one reason is that

JOYFUL

And, we might add, a double Merry Christmas.

HOLIDAY

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the inmates resent a plan to move them from Austin to Rusk.

WAYSIDE SCHOOL OBSERVES CHRISTMAS PARTY THURSDAY

The Wayside community wishes to express its thanks to Taylor & Sons of Canyon for the nice Christmas tree they donated for use at the Wayside school program Thursday night. It will also be used at the church December 24.

The school program was well attended considering the cold weather. It consisted of songs, readings and plays. Outstanding was a Christmas pageant. Mrs. Santa and Santa's little boy helped distribute the gifts.

Those attending from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fortner, Roland and Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Fortner and family, all of Arney, and Mrs. Elliston and son, and Mrs. Moore from Hereford.

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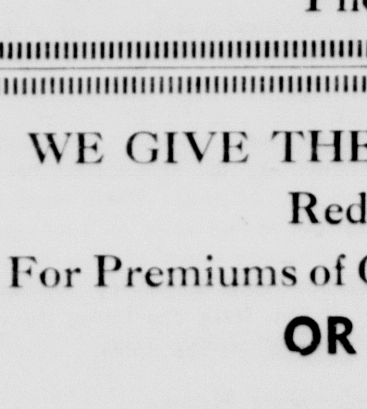
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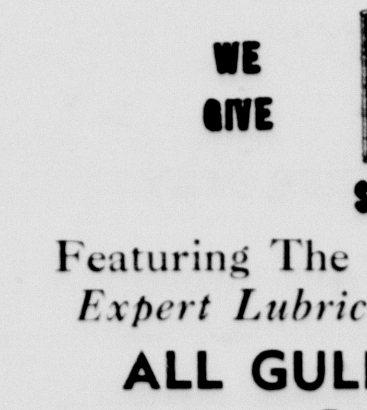
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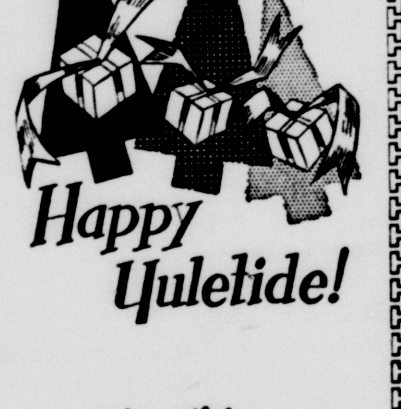
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CHRISTMAS CHEER

Dorothy Boys Kilian

NAN RAYMOND, seated in white starched loneliness at the hall desk of Ridgedale's ten-bed community hospital, stared disconsolately at the tiny table tree which she had just finished trimming.

"Would it be just too much to ask you to take Christmas Eve duty for me, Nan?" Grace, the other night nurse, had asked her some days ago. "I know you aren't going to be able to get home for the holidays anyway, and my family is right here in town."

The urgent ringing of a bell broke in on her lonely dreams—the handbell of the patient in room two.

"Old Smithers. I wonder what long-winded complaint she'll have now," Nan groaned.

She opened the door. "Mrs. Smith, every grey hair in place, was sitting bolt upright in bed. "I'm expecting a visitor tonight. Where is he?" the old lady snapped.

"If anyone asks for you, of course I'll bring him up," Nan forced herself to answer politely.

"It's almost nine o'clock, and Algernon wrote definitely that he'd make it for Christmas Eve," Mrs. Smith glared at Nan. "It's bad enough being here, let alone trying to celebrate alone."

"I'm not celebrating either, Mrs. Smith."

"Oh, you—you're young and strong, and well, this is your job." The woman sighed. "How well I remember Christmases when I was your age! Sit down a minute and I'll tell you about the time we—"

The old lady ignored her excuse. "The time we invited the church choir to supper and to help decorate our tree before choir practice," she went on. "Well, somebody began a carol as he tied a popcorn ball to a branch, and, do you know, before the last apple was hung on the tree, we had gone through our whole blessed program."

"Did you always put a star on the top of your tree?"

"Oh, my, yes," Mrs. Smith smiled. "I'll tell you just exactly what we did use for decorations. Let's see, now. There were the popcorn balls, and cranberry chains . . ."

When the doorbell downstairs rang suddenly, Mrs. Smith brought herself up in the middle of a sentence and chuckled. "Thank you for listening to an old bore, my dear. Now you just go see if that isn't Algernon."

A young man, bare headed, with coat collar turned up to meet a tousel of sandy hair, smiled at her through the gloom. "Are you the unfortunate gal who's taking care of my Granny Smith?" he asked. An imperious voice called from upstairs. "Is that you, Algernon?" The young man grinned at Nan.



"I'm expecting a visitor tonight. Where is he?" the old lady snapped.

"Awful, isn't it, but it does help to shorten it to 'Al.'"

Nan led the way upstairs. As they entered room two Mrs. Smith held out her arms affectionately to the visitor, saying at the same time. "You look startled, Miss Raymond. I'll wager you never dreamed an old fuddy-duddy like me could have such a personable relative."

"Well, I guess I did expect—" "I can imagine what you did expect," Mrs. Smith laughed. Then turning to her grandson, "You won't be able to stay with me, as we had planned, but luckily, there's a decent little hotel downtown."

"Couldn't I stay at your house, anyway, Granny? A hotel's such a lonesome place at Christmas time," Al pleaded.

"The house is all closed up," Mrs. Smith answered. "But, never fear, just this evening I have found a local cure for loneliness." She smiled at Nan. "This young lady sat here this evening and put up so cheerfully with my long-winded reminiscences, that I talked myself right out of a horrible mood into a pleasant glow. If you go at it the right way, I'm sure she can do the same for you."

Al said quickly, "Would having Christmas dinner with me at the hotel be a good beginning, Miss Raymond?"

Agriculture Department Schedules Radio Program Series Over KGNC

A new series of West Texas State College radio programs, featuring the department of agriculture, will begin over station KGNC in Amarillo on Dec. 28 and continue through May, according to Dr. Jack Walker, director of radio.

The 15-minute broadcasts will be presented each Sunday at 8 a. m., with KGNC farm editor Garland "Cotton John" Smith as moderator for a panel which will discuss timely information concerning agriculture in this region. Each week an outstanding agricultural expert of the area will join two West Texas State agriculture faculty members as guest speaker.

Three Programs

Three other radio programs are already being broadcast by Amarillo station KAMQ. Dr. Walker said. These include a Monday morning "West Texas Homemakers" show at 9:15, presented by the home economics department; a Monday night sports broadcast at 9:15, presented by James Scott, Buffalo basketball player; and the Amarillo Center program at 10:15 p. m., Wednesday.

Opening the new series on Dec.

28, the three members of the West Texas State agriculture will be introduced. They are Dr. Melvin R. Calliham, department head, and Dr. Clark Harvey and Aubrey Crossland, associate professors.

Whitfield

Dr. Charles Whitfield, superintendent of the Amarillo Experiment Station, will be guest expert on January 4, when the panel discusses "Contribution of Research to Southwest Agriculture." When "Agricultural Extension Work" is discussed on January 11, Knox Parr, district extension agent, will be the guest.

Other topics for future programs are "Agricultural Outlook for 1953," "Interrelationships of City and Rural Economy," "The Value of Vocational Agriculture in High School," "Crop Insect Control," "Southwestern Wheat Production," "Wheat Varieties," "Irrigation in the Southwest," and "Government Controls and Their Effect on the Cattle Industry."

For further radio information concerning WT check the Thompson's sponsored radio schedule appearing in The Prairie.

Katy Brown Picked WT 'Sweater Girl'

Katy Brown, sophomore from Allison, was named "Sweater Girl of 1953" at West Texas State College Wednesday night at the annual "Sweater Girl Dance," sponsored by Epsilon Beta fraternity.

A new sweater was presented the winner, who was sponsored by the T-Club and Delta Zeta Chi sorority, by James Lair, Canyon, president of Epsilon Beta fraternity.

Miss Brown won over Bettyle Ratjen, sophomore from Happy, sponsored by the Agricultural Club, Caulene Key, senior from Kirkland, sponsored by Pi Omega sorority, and Pauline Allen, Miami sophomore, sponsored by Kappa Tau Phi sorority.

PENALOGICAL NOTE

A new Canadian prison has air-conditioning, private baths, indirect lighting and a sun deck. A little more of this and the automobile clubs will be approving them.

Dr. V. E. Twigg, Sydney, Australia, archbishop: "Flower girls should be eliminated from weddings. They look bewildered and upset the bride."

THIEF STEALS PIGEONS

St. Louis — Nancy Herman, 11, who has been raising pigeons since she was 6, is heartsick because someone broke into a playhouse behind her home and stole all eight of her pet pigeons. The only bird left behind was Funny Bunny, an unbanded pigeon.

NOT ON THE PROGRAM

"I hear you had dancing at your lawn party yesterday." "It was quite unpremeditated; one of the guests accidentally upset a beehive."

GOOD OLD DAYS

As a married couple reminisced, the husband remarked, "By the way, wonder whatever became of the old-fashioned girls who fainted when a man kissed them?"

His wife gave him a withering look. "What I'd like to know," she retorted, "is what happened to the old-fashioned men who made them faint."

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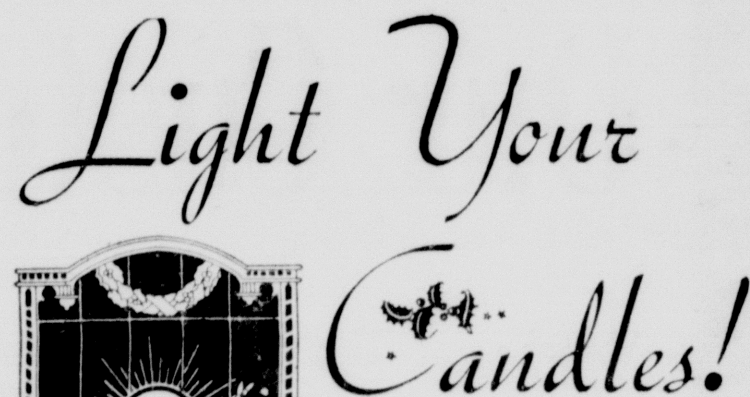
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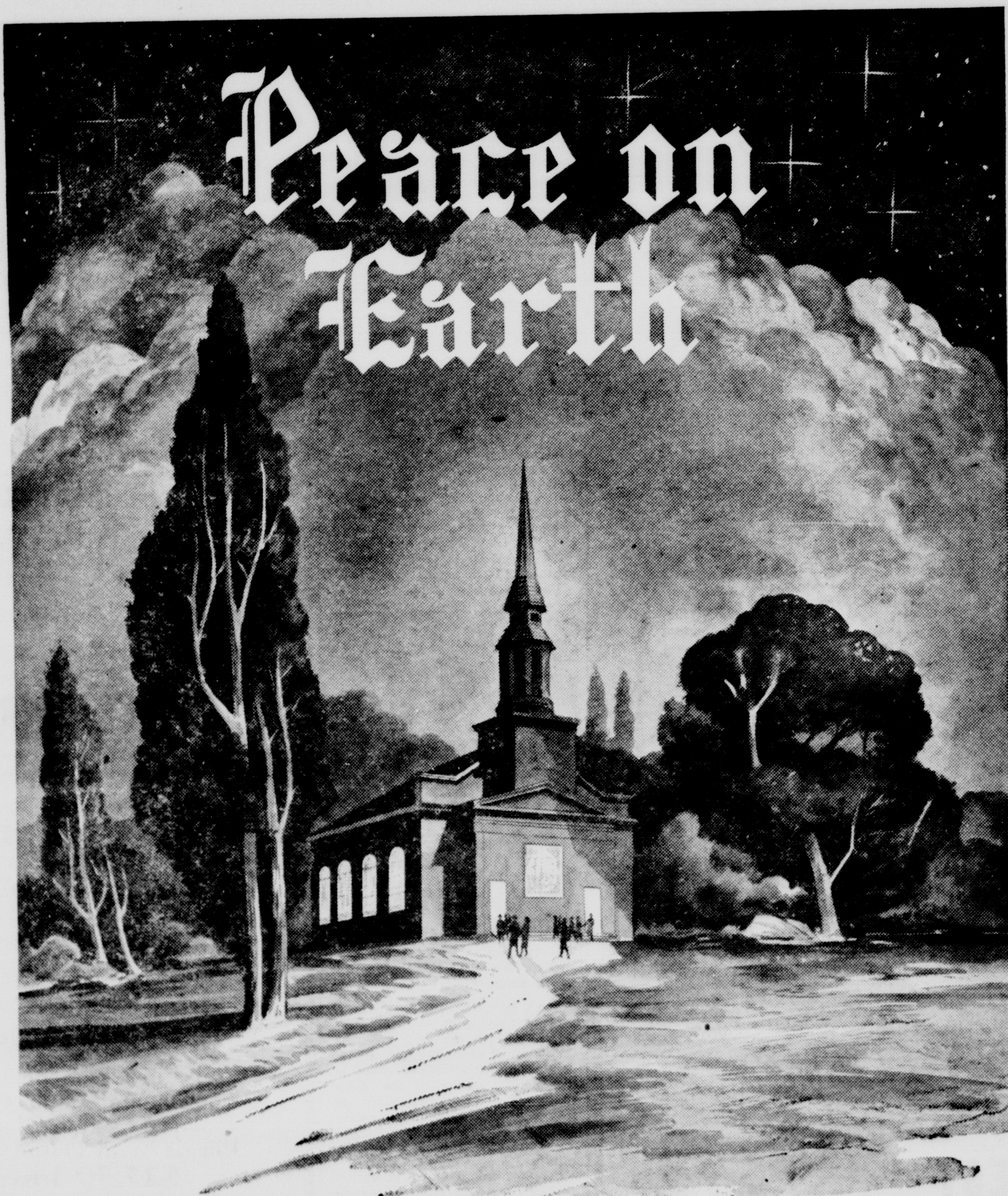
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